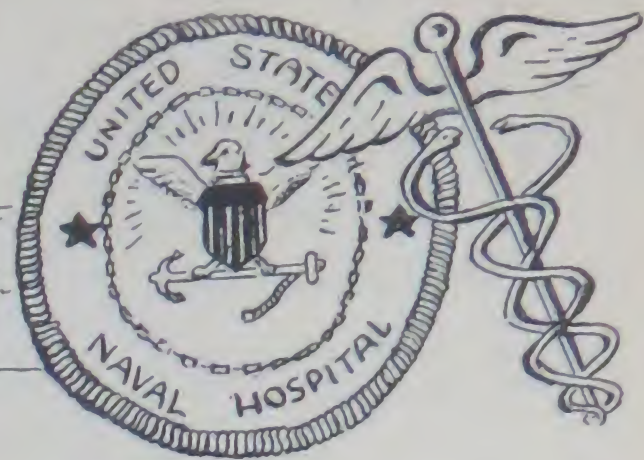


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Spike Jones With Corny Jive Band Wows Oak Knoll

It was one of those unusual days in the theatre on Friday, December 29, when that master of corny music, Spike Jones and his City Slickers, gave a "concert" in the auditorium.

The curtain opened with what seems to be the band's theme song, "Der Fuhrer's Face." After a few bars of this Jones announced a new song, "Clink—Clink, Another Drink," and the show was on.

Band Members Entertain

Every member of the band was a solo entertainer and by the end of the program each had drained his share of laughs from the audience.

Miriam Lovell, pretty blonde dancer, showed excellent stage presence and knew how to please her audience. Wildly applauded, she was forced to do an encore.

A "symphonic number" by Jones and the boys called "Hotcha Cornia," and a vocal arrangement of "Chloe" in which three of the City Slickers donned long wigs, were the height of light humor.

Plays Request

There were a great many requests for the complete arrangement of "Der Fuhrer's Face," nevertheless it wasn't until the end of the show that the band played it.

Spike Jones explained that he would like to have stayed longer, but that he and the boys had to get back to the T and D theatre, where they were playing.

What's in a Name?

Oak Knoll is an unusual place, and most of us have long ceased to be amazed at anything that happens here. Yet we were a little excited to learn the following facts:

A Mrs. Hook and Mrs. Shook are patients in 73A.

A baby was born here on Christmas day by the name of Holliday.

Summers and Winters share a quiet room in 75B.

Almost makes you superstitious, doesn't it?

Music With Humor à la Spike Jones



Mr. Jones in the process of getting unconventional results with his weird collection of instruments.

Chemoprophylaxis Proves Successful

As a result of "the largest controlled experiment in the history of medicine" mass chemoprophylaxis against respiratory diseases caused by streptococcal infections will be instituted at all naval training stations, according to Capt. T. J. Carter (MC) USN, chief of the Division of Preventive Medicine, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

Captain Carter revealed that in 1943 mass chemoprophylaxis involving a million men was undertaken in selected stations on a controlled basis.

"The result was a success far beyond our fondest hope," Captain Carter said. "At one station the rate of admission for scarlet fever varied from 63.5 per thousand to 171.6 per thousand during the observation period before the use of sulfadiazine.

"Following the institution of the prophylaxis, the rate fell to zero within two weeks . . . Tonsillitis at this same station fell from 426 per thousand to 46 per thousand . . . Rheumatic fever, the most serious

Navy Mothers Move To New Quarters

Industriously rolling bandages and performing other laborious services are The Navy Mothers. They have moved from their old quarters on topside Ship's Service and can be found in the Old Administration Building. In roomier quarters their presence will mean even more to wounded servicemen.

of the infections associated with the streptococcus organism because of the heart involvements, was reduced from 87 per thousand to zero within four weeks."

Captain Carter estimated that the experiment alone saved over a million man-days for medical personnel and between 50 and 100 million dollars.

NOTICE

An Officer, driving to Cleveland on or about January 6, will share accommodations with two others. For information, contact The Oak Leaf in the Administration Building Annex.

Attention— Wave Officers and Navy Nurses

Effective 1 October 1944, Officer Waves and Navy Nurses are entitled to increased rental and subsistence allowances on account of a husband, child or children, or parent or parents in fact dependent upon such officer for their chief support. Generally speaking, a contribution of at least 50 per cent of the living expenses of the dependent for which additional allowances are claimed must be made to be considered as "chief support". Credits retroactive to 1 October 1944 may be made providing requirements are met.

Enlisted Waves Eligible

Enlisted Waves are eligible to apply for Family Allowance benefits on account of parent or parents, or brothers and/or sisters, either under 18 years of age or physically or mentally incapacitated. Allowances may also be claimed for husband and/or children of the individual, but only if the husband or children are dependent upon her for chief support.

The Disbursing office will be glad to furnish detailed information to those who believe they may be entitled to these allowances.

"Funfare" Pleases GI's

"Funfare," a variety show sponsored by the USO, entertained in the wards and in the auditorium Thursday, December 28. The troupe arrived early in the afternoon and made a full day of it right here on the compound.

The show was complete with tumblers, singers, and even a ventriloquist. The individual acts were accompanied by a piano and accordion.

Al Tucker and his violin were the hit of the program. He played it in every conceivable position, even held the bow stationary between his knees and moved the violin against it.

The master of ceremonies, Jimmy Hodges, ad-libbed in an off-hand manner between acts. He also sang a few songs, one of which he wrote himself called "Someday You'll Want Me to Love You."

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• Others Go to Movies, Too

"One man's meat is another man's poison" runs an old proverb and it contains a great deal of good sense. Certainly it has many applications for life at a Naval Hospital where a great many men must live and work together.

The movie that thrills and satisfies you in all probability bores many another and, vice versa, what arouses you to ribald comment charms another. There is no accounting for tastes and nothing very much we can do about our various reactions to the same show.

But, while our tastes will continue to differ, we can be in agreement on one important point—tolerance and respect for the other man's attitude and enjoyment. Audible comments and jeers add nothing to your enjoyment and detract very definitely from the pleasure of others.

Save your alleged wit for after the show.

Off the Bookshelf

If you have been too busy with the war to keep up with your reading, the Library has many of the most popular books of 1944. All those listed below are in the hospital library.

Fiction

Allen: Bedford village. (Historical)
Brown: A walk in the sun. (War)
Cronin: The green years. (Religious)
Douglas: The robe. (Religious)
Goudge: Green Dolphin street. (Romantic)
Hersey: A bell for Adano. (War)
Huxley: Time must have a stop. (Religious)
Mann: Joseph the provider. (Religious)
Maugham: Razor's edge. (Religious)
Pennell: The history of Rome
Hanks. (Historical)
Sharp: Cluny Brown. (Romantic)
Sinclair: Presidential agent.
Smith: Strange fruit.
Smith: A tree grows in Brooklyn.
Winsor: Forever Amber. (Historical)

War, History, Politics

Beard: The basic history of the United States.
Belden: Still time to die.
Dos Passos: State of the nation.
Hope: I never left home.
Lippmann: U. S. war aims.
Merillat: The island. (Guadalcanal)
Sherrod: Tarawa.
Target: Germany.
Wecter: When Johnny comes marching home.
Welles: The time for decision.
Wertenbaker: Invasion!

Biography

Bowen: Yankee from Olympus.

Scuttlebutt

According to all reports, the boys and girls really whooped it up at the New Year's Party in the Auditorium. The whole MAA force was unusually jovial with **Hahn** and **Russ** reported as being especially high-spirited.

The very slippery dance floor caused **Curtis** and **Dahl** some trouble, **Virginia Welch** also made a handsome three-point landing.

Apparently dancing was not enough exercise for **Hatchfield** and **Fink**, as they were continually running up and down stairs.

The mistletoe in Welfare and Recreation saw rugged duty over the holidays with all the wolves (and we do mean all) putting in overtime on the job.

We are very proud of **Helen Weigel**, Scuttlebutt's pride and joy. Everyone insists she was a perfect lady at the Lab party.

Guerra received as a present a little sign reading "Genius at Work." A case of mistaken identity, we presume.

Hartung, disdainful of the mere children to be found in the vicinity of Central Supply, is reputed to be enjoying maturer charms elsewhere.

Burton: Heyday of a wizard.
Chang: Chiang Kai-shek.
Fowler: Good night, sweet prince.
Landon: Anna and the king of Siam.
Santayana: Persons and places.
Shaw: Everybody's political what's what.

Literature

Brooks: The world of Washington
Irving.

Christmas in the Wave Barracks



Left: Mary Love cuts Christmas cake at Sunday night's party. Right: Angela Poljanec (above), Jenny Long Vega, and Mickey Castner enjoy breakfast in bed.

'Twas the night before Christmas, and if you think "not a sound was heard" you're mistaken. How could anyone sleep and who wanted to with Lt. (jg) Perry bouncing around, and I mean bouncing, as Santa Claus? With the singing of carols, the scramble for gifts, and the flashes from these darling photographers, pray tell, who in the Navy would want to sleep? Let's not forget those doughnuts and hot cider made by Lt. (jg) Sherrill, Ross, Bock and Irwin.

To top it all, our dreams of a lifetime came true, when at 0800 into our room came the smell of hot coffee, accompanied by the usual spray of breakfast food. It wasn't the smell of coffee that startled us but the reflection of the gold bar. This must be a dream, says us . . . but what's that coming in behind the lady with the tray? Good—it's a man . . . don't ever wake me up from all this and

heaven, too. Too soon did we come out of it . . . for we were to have our picture taken . . . then came the scramble for combs, wash cloths . . . too late, for the man couldn't wait and there we were caught with our hair down.

Yes, we had Christmas away from home and families but I can tell you this . . . Home was never like this . . . and we love it.

Jo Grimm, Phm. 3/c.

A Marine sergeant in a restaurant was praising his corps to the sky. A Navy officer finally interrupted. "Don't forget," he said, "that when a Marine goes into battle there are ten soldiers on one side of him and ten sailors on the other."

The Marine raised himself to full length respectfully attention-curtly saluting.

"Sir," he reported, "that's the proper proportion."

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Chaplain's Corner

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A Happy New Year

Alarming, isn't it, how quickly 365 days pass? We are getting older. Still it would be more alarming if, with the passing of these days, we were not getting better. That's much tougher than the automatic process of growing older. But the difficulties of a problem do not make it necessarily impossible. It can be done.

We are on the threshold of another year. We are about to list seriously, even though only mentally, those faults and imperfections which we know too well detract from our character and make us less a man or less a woman. We are quite conscious of them. So are others. These things must be done or not done during the next year. No kidding this time. We are dead serious.

What do we have in mind? Nothing puritanical. Let's be sensible. This is serious. To give up smoking is a wise New Year's resolution for him whose health can't stand it; to give up the use of alcohol is smart of him who abuses it or whose work becomes less efficient as a result of it; to curb and finally check one's profanity and foul speech is helpful to him who is obnoxious by reason of it. All these are very fine resolutions. But are they fundamental enough?

Since it is the vogue to begin the New Year with a "clean sheet," let's keep in mind,—*first things first*. With this principle in mind, we will no longer waver in uncertainty in formulating practical and sensible resolutions. They follow naturally. Here is the all-important question we are to ask ourselves. What are my faults, imperfections and sins that are drawing me further away from God? If we are honest with ourselves, we can answer that question. What then? The answer is simple. It is the basis of all good character, and all sensible spirituality. Here it is—"To avoid evil and to do good."

CHAPLAIN JOHN CORLEY

Mrs. G. Reynolds, Red Cross Head, Leaves Post

Mrs. Gertrude Reynolds, for the past twelve months Field Director of the Red Cross at Oak Knoll, is resigning at the end of this year. She has been with Red Cross at this hospital for eighteen months, coming here in June, 1943, as a member of the medical social work staff after having received her M.A. in Medical Social Service at the University of California. Previous to her Red Cross experience, she has held executive positions in clinics and hospitals in the Bay Area. In August of 1943 she became Assistant Field Director and in January of 1944 the Field Director at this station.



Mrs. Gertrude Reynolds

Mrs. Reynolds has seen a great many changes at this hospital, both in Navy and Red Cross. When she arrived here the Red Cross staff consisted of two medical social workers, two recreation workers, one psychiatric social worker, and an office secretary. The offices were in the old clubhouse, just three rooms. As the hospital grew, so did the Red Cross, until now our staff numbers forty-five. Our volunteer Gray Lady corps has grown from eighteen to the present group of one hundred thirty-five.

In-service training for Red Cross staff has become a part of the activities during Mrs. Reynolds' time here. Workers from other stations and workers awaiting overseas assignments receive valuable field training at this hospital. Field supervisors are indoctrinated here.

Miss Marian Nicholson, Assistant Field Director, will be the acting Field Director until the new Field Director is assigned to this hospital.

Mrs. Reynolds has brought to her position at this hospital a clear understanding of hospital work and a deep appreciation for the needs of the patients. Her cooperation with the Navy has created excellent working relationships between Red Cross and the Navy. We are sincerely sorry to lose Mrs. Reynolds, and want to express our thanks for the excellent job she has done at Oak Knoll.

Red Cross News

One of the activities at the Christmas ward parties sponsored by the Red Cross was to write a parody on that famous old poem "The Night Before Christmas." Sgt. James E. Healey, USMCR, of Ward 61-A wrote such a clever one we really think it should be published for the pleasure of Oak Leaf readers. Sgt. Healey is not here now, having been transferred to Corona for further treatment.

It's the night before Christmas in 61-A

With Gyrenes and Swabbies asleep in the hay.

Their socks are hung at the foot of each bed

And dreams about Grable dance through their heads.

Misses Cramer and Wilson, our two little cuties,

Long ago quit their nursing duties.

They're probably out with some j.g.

At the St. Francis, Mark, or Peacock Alley.

We're alone with a corpsman. He gives us the chills

And wakes us each hour with: "Here, take your pills."

The place is so quiet—you can hear yourself think;

You toss and you turn and you wish for a drink.

Then down on the deck there's a helluva clatter.

I leaned out of bed to see what was the matter.

You just can't believe what I saw there below—

Why!!! the whole darn floor appeared covered with snow.

There near the door was a cute little sleigh.

I again blinked my eyes—it was coming my way.

The driver—you know—was a fat little fellow

And shook when he laughed like a bowl of red jello

Closer inspection soon revealed Santa's our old friend—W. C. Fields.

"My friends," he began, "we've brought plenty of cheer.

There's Scotch and there's rye and bourbon and beer.

For those who like it there's port and sherry,

But the season's drink is Tom and Jerry."

Next he said: "My chickadees, Uncle Willie aims to please.

In deference to the multitude I've brought along some pulchritude.

There's Dottie and Lana and Rita and Betty

And several others by Varga and Petty.

So try them all and have plenty of fun.

Since most of 'ems married don't settle for one.

It's carol time too, and we'll all have to sing

Remembering that I brought Frankie and Bing.

For those sturdy commandos who have to dance

There's Dorsey and James to keep them entranced.

The bar is open. The party's on."

In came Washington with Lena Horne.

Then to the bar came C.P.O. Carter:

"A Tom and Jerry for a starter."

He next espied dear Uncle Willie saying: "Santa, how about a filly?

One that's neither short or tall—

In fact, a very classy moll."

"I'll do my best," said Santa Claus,

And downed his drink without further pause,

Tommy Dorsey and his trombone stood before our microphone.

Ingram grabbed a Petty girl—

"C'mon sister, it's time to whirl."

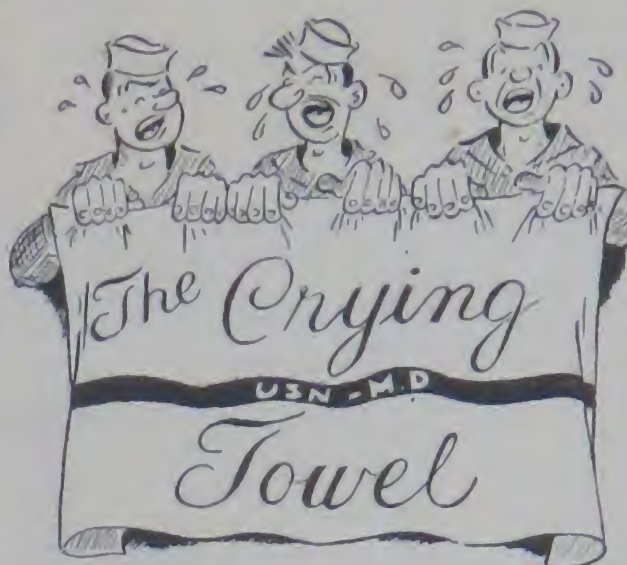
Edison had his Christmas cheer

With crackers and cheese and ice cold beer.

He was attended by Lana and Betty

And one or two others from Varga and Petty.

All in all it was quite an affair,



Dear editor:

While I am in the Navy I will not be able to keep any check at all upon my parents. Before the war I could whip them into submission at any time that they got out of hand, but now what can I do? For all I know they may be running the streets or even entertaining at home nights.

Now my viewpoint is that the Navy should help those in the service counteract such action on the part of our parents. If the Navy would finance the building of dungeons for our parents to be kept in until our return it would ease the minds of many of us who live in communities which are not up to date and do not have dungeons in the homes. Naturally any well equipped modern home has a parental dungeon, but it is too often forgotten that many of us are not that fortunate.

It would also be a good idea if a few instruments of a disciplinary nature were included, such as a rack, a lime pit and various devices for pulling out tongue and fingernails. Often it is difficult to reason with parents unless these little "time saving devices" are at hand.

Do you think that anything can be done about this deplorable situation?

Sadistically yours,
Torch Eremm (MAA).

Dear Mr. Eremm:

It is the opinion of this department that being an MAA has slightly colored your views on how to treat parents. We realize that after months of brutally whipping naval personnel it is difficult for you to think in terms of kindness, but we think that every effort should be made to do so. We suggest that you put your unusual talent to work thinking about what to do with Japan after the war.

And those who were not now wish they were there.

Looking back on it now—somehow it seems

A merry Christmas is but a dream

This tells better what I mean—

It's rather a very touching scene:

Dottie described her new sarong—

Then suddenly—all things went wrong

I was aware of being shaken.

In fact I was quite rudely awakened.

It was the guy who gives us chills

Saying: "C'mon, wake up and take your pills."

It was bad enough to miss the party

And jolly Santa, hale and hearty;

But came the hardest blow of all

This corpsman had the colossal gall

To lean and whisper in my ear

And shake me so I'd be sure to hear—

I was so mad I dared not peep—

When he said: "Greetings—go back to sleep."

—Sgt. James E. Healey.

Jo-jo Entertains



Marilyn Sue Vinson, daughter of Marine Lt. A. W. Vinson, tries on balloon hat made by Jo-jo.

A Children's Christmas Party was given in the Auditorium at 1400 on December 23. The children of all hands were invited.

There was never a dull moment, what with singing, playing games, and eating and drinking the refreshments. Every child was given candy, a Christmas stocking, and a present.

The entertainer of the day was Jo-jo the Clown. He helped the children to entertain each other by taking them up on the stage to sing, etc. With balloons as his raw material, Jo-jo made hats and other objects for members of his young audience.

Jo-jo was sent to us by the Veteran Hospital Christmas Committee.

"Confound you," roared the captain, "why don't you be more careful?"

"What do you mean, sir?"

"Why, instead of addressing this letter to the Intelligence Office you addressed it to the Intelligent Officer. You ought to know there's no such person in the Navy!"

Divine Services

Catholic:

Chaplains G. B. Spiegelhalter, R. Cronin.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830 and 1100.

Weekday Mass—0650 and 1640.

Confessions—Daily, before Mass; Saturdays, at 1900; on the Thursday before each first Friday, at 1900.

Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Protestant:

Chaplains C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, S. P. Robinson, H. S. Pitts.

Sunday: Morning Worship—0930.

Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.

Vespers—1800.

Daily Devotionals—(except Sunday)—0730.

Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.

L.D.S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1900;

Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Jewish:

Chaplain Solomon S. Bernards. Ext. 261.

Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.

The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.

The members of any faith not represented on this compound may contact the Chaplains' office for information.

Rules and Regulations Enforced By Provost Marshal's Dept.



Left to right: T. H. Welch, Rae A. Carlsen, Chief Park, Lt. (jg) George W. Morrison (HC) USN, A. M. Lang, Clare Dixon, I. L. Daniels.

Just as any community of a comparable size has its chief of police, so a naval hospital has its Provost Marshal fulfilling a similar function. Lt. (jg) George W. Morrison (HC) USN with his staff of six efficiently handles the job at Oak Knoll. In addition he supervises the activities of the MAA force and brig.

The functions of this department are many and varied. In addition to the enforcement of naval rules and regulations it gives aid to persons with many problems, handles complaints pertaining to lost and stolen gear, and has charge of liberty and leave.

A thorough and sympathetic understanding of nature and human problems is necessary in this work. In the enforcement of naval rules and regulations and hospital orders an attempt is made to do so in a tolerant and impartial manner.

While the brig is handled by the marines, the Provost Marshal has charge of persons in the brig and their disposition. Where court proceedings are involved, the legal office draws up the specifications for presentation to the court.



Lang, Welch and Carlsen discuss the fate of some transgressor.

Mr. Morrison, who was overseas 22 months with the 2nd Marines and saw action at Guadalcanal and Tarawa, has been at Oak Knoll since October and is scheduled to leave soon.

"I want to pay tribute to my staff," says Lt. Morrison, "for the swell job they're doing."

Oak Knoll Quintet Conquers Marines By 48 to 34 Score

On 28 December 1944 the valiant sons of Oak Knoll's "C" team defeated the once mighty Marines of the Marine Supply Depot of San Francisco at Castlemont High by the skyward score of 48 to 34.

Oak Knoll's play throughout the game was as domineering as the score indicates, and, except for the second quarter, kept the Marines fairly well bottled up. Their defense under the basket was brilliant, although the Marines held the edge in height.

From the whistle Oak Knoll used coach John Dobris' breakaway system above expectations, with Miller cashing in with most of the buckets. Before the game was seven minutes old Oakland held a 12 to 3 lead and had the Marines on the run. Just when it appeared as though the fast break was their only system Mr. Hume began swishing set shots to pile on to their top-heavy score.

In the second quarter the already tired Marines decided that to score from close in against Oak Knoll's strong zone defense was hopeless and began to throw the ball towards the hoop from every angle, with Gregory, an ex-Oak Knoller, doing most of the point making.

In the closing minutes the Marines began to work dangerously

Wave Volleyball Team Takes District Title

Oak Knoll's Waves were recently crowned the champions of the Twelfth Naval District, ending the season with a record of nine wins and one loss by default.

Dorothy Hatchfield, PhM2c, who works for the Welfare and Recreation Department, is captain of the team. Starring on the six-woman team through the season were Eunice Gaspar and Jean Dennison.

Others on the squad include Benskin, Page, Morrison, Gribbin, and Andrews. Official rooters for the team were Mrs. Perry and Corky Bragg.

close to Oak Knoll's point total, and reverted to their passing game with disastrous results, as our corpsmen stole the ball time and time again to cash in with field goals.

Coach Dobris used his entire squad of fifteen men, with Miller and Hume netting 15 and 11 points respectively. A newcomer, Rear-don, also showed well, scoring 8 points and playing brilliantly beneath both baskets.

Of late most of the players are either being transferred or injured with harmful results to both league teams. If Oak Knoll's basketball heroes are to add to our compound's laurels, men with basketball ability on the compound will have to turn out. If you feel you could star on the gym floors, why not do it with our team?

There's many an elderly man with a young looking figure, but he wouldn't want his wife to see him with it.

HUMOR

Marcella: Is he a nice boy?
Theda: No, dear, I think you'll like him.

First Sailor: A girl's greatest attraction is her hair.

Second Sailor: No, I think it's her teeth. Chief, what do you think?

Chief: The same as you boys, but I don't lie about it.

Arthur: Do you object to petting?
Martha: That's one thing I've never done yet.

Arthur: Petted?

Martha: No, objected.

Sailor: Is your ice cream pure?

Salesgirl: As pure as the girl of your dreams.

Sailor: Give me a ham sandwich.

To make a peach cordial—buy her a drink.

Marine, in phone booth: Sure my friend is tall, handsome and distinguished looking.

Buddy, standing by: Don't snow her like that, Joe. I'm not tall.

Sentry: Halt, who goes there?
Wave: You wouldn't know me—I just got here yesterday.

HA1c: Do you drink?

HA2c: No.

HA1c: Then hold this bottle while I tie my shoe.

Mama Mosquito: If you children are good, I'll take you to a nudis camp tonight.

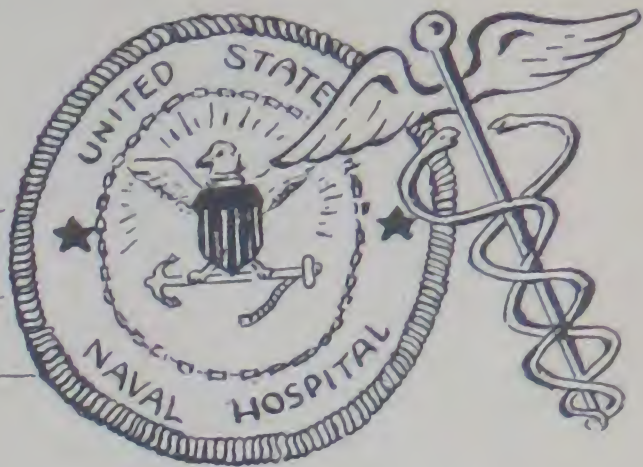
MOIPHY

by Penberth



"—But Darling, I can give you the best things in life . . . Kleenex . . . cigarettes . . .!"

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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 13 Jan., 1945

Miss Ensign Named To Head Red Cross Department Here

Miss Berniece Ensign, for the past ten months the Red Cross Recreation Supervisor at Oak Knoll has been appointed the new Field Director here, replacing Mrs.



Miss Berniece Ensign

Gertrude Reynolds who resigned her position at the end of the year. Miss Ensign received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Utah, her bachelor's in Physical Education and her master's degree in Education, with graduate work at the University of Wisconsin. Later she became the supervisor of practice teaching in the department of elementary education at the University of Utah, supervising practice teaching in both physical education and speech. In June of 1943 she joined the Red Cross and after her indoctrination course in Washington, D. C., was sent to the Army station hospital at Camp Haan as head recreation worker. In March, 1944, Miss Ensign was transferred to Oak Knoll as head recreation worker.

"This assignment at Oakland Naval Hospital," said Miss Ensign, "is in great contrast to that which I had known at the nation's largest anti-aircraft training center. But it has been vitally interesting to me, and I can count it as one of the most important and compelling experiences of my life. We shall endeavor to meet all the demands of this ever-growing hospital and at the same time maintain the high quality of Red Cross service which has been established by former Field Directors."

To Miss Ensign we extend our congratulations on her new ap-

Mr. Kent Leaves for Hospital Study

Pharmacist Fred W. Kent, a busy and genial figure in the Staff Personnel Office for the past several months, left Oak Knoll on January 8 to go to Bethesda, Maryland, for Hospital Administration Instruction. Mr. Kent came here last September from the Naval Supply Depot in Oakland.

"I've enjoyed my stay here and will miss the many pleasant associations," says Mr. Kent.

Mr. Kent has been replaced by Pharmacist William Canavan who comes to Oak Knoll after 19 months of overseas service. He saw service aboard the USS St. Louis, in the Amphibious Forces, and with the Commander Service Squadron, South Pacific Force.

Corps Officers Study Sanitation

Twenty-five Hospital Corps Officers were selected and ordered to report to the Medical Officer in Command, Medical Research Unit No. 1, Berkeley, Calif., on 1 January, 1945, for temporary duty under instruction in Practical Sanitation at the University of California for a period of three months. The first two months of the course will be devoted to intensive instruction in the various phases of sanitation. The last month will be utilized for practical field training in sanitation and upon successful completion of the course, the officers will be ordered to various Naval activities for duty as sanitary inspectors.

A second class for this course of instruction will be convened at the University of California on 1 April 1945. Hospital Corps Officers desiring to attend this class should submit a request to the Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. No acknowledgment of requests will be made and successful applicants will receive temporary duty orders in time to report on or before 1 April 1945.

pointment, and we wish to express our satisfaction in the selection of a Field Director who understands so thoroughly the needs and problems of this hospital.

Oak Knoll's Athletic Heroes Honored at Gala Banquet; Receive Many Trophies

At the gala Athletic Banquet held recently at the Hotel Berkeley, Oak Knoll teams and individuals were awarded trophies for the honors they brought to the compound in many sports. The Welfare and Recreation Department sponsored the festive occasion, which was also attended by Captains Dearing and Carroll.

The Commandant's Trophy, symbolic of the Bowling Championship of the 12th Naval District was presented to Charles Winters, captain of the team which rolled the very respectable team score of 2863. Walter Lindsey received the individual awards for a neat 224 and an astounding three game 631.

The Waves were awarded the District Volleyball Trophy for their undefeated season, while the Nurses were given the second place cup in the Oakland Industrial Softball League.

Lt. (jg) Jane Perry and Jean Dennison, PhM3c, received the award as runner-ups in the District Tennis Tournament. Mrs.

Perry and her partner played a cool 84 games in a single day to win this honor.

Oak Knoll's athletes are to be commended for the fine record they have made in all fields of sports, while Lt. Carey and his hard-working staff deserve the gratitude of the compound for their sponsorship of the program and the super banquet which topped the season.

Editor Robinson Leaves For CB's

Oak Knoll lost a sincere and friendly chaplain and *The Oak Leaf* lost its editor with the departure recently of Lt. (jg) Stewart P. Robinson. Mr. Robinson left to be at home a few days before reporting to his new assignment with the 24th Construction Battalion.

Chaplain Robinson is a resident of Elizabeth, N. J., where his father is a pastor and editor of *The Presbyterian*. He is a graduate of



Chaplain S. P. Robinson

Princeton University and Princeton Theological Seminary. He came to Oak Knoll in July after attending Chaplain's School in Williamsburg.

In addition to his regular duties and the editorship of *The Oak Leaf*, Mr. Robinson also handled Navy Relief.

The Oak Leaf will miss his steady hand at the helm and wishes him happiness and success in his future assignments.

Seven Local Officers Advanced in Rank

Congratulations are in order for seven officers of our compound who began the New Year in auspicious style by receiving advancements. Of these, three are pending upon returns of their form "Y's," but they look healthy enough.

The honored seven are Lt. Comdr. Albert Thronson, DC-V(S), USNR, who works upon your bridgework in the Dental Clinic; Chief Pharmacist H. E. Van Hoorebeck, HC-V(G), USNR, who is our Staff Personnel Officer, and whose name autograph hunters want upon request chits; Lt. (jg) Ralph Duncan, H-V(S), USNR, director of photography and *The Oak Leaf's* picture wizard; Lt. (jg) Lois Simons, W-V(S), USNR, of the Laboratory; Chief Pharmacist Everett H. Mentzel, USN, who is Treasurer of the Officer's Mess; newly appointed Pharmacist Elmer Delos Jungblut, USN; and Lt. Comdr. Albert C. Daniels, MC-V(S), USNR, of Surgery.

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• An Invitation to Contribute

Oak Knoll's population is a shifting and fluid one but it always represents a great deal of talent in many fields. Cartoonists, writers, and former newspaper men are to be found on the compound.

The Oak Leaf needs the talent of these individuals as well as the help of all members of the compound. Write for us if you can. If writing isn't your line, make it your business to tell us all that goes on about which we may not have heard.

Help us make *The Oak Leaf* the best hospital paper in the Navy!
T.F.

• Smooth Sailing, Chaplain

Bon voyage to Stewart Robinson, editor of *The Oak Leaf* for the past seven months, who gave us so much to shoot at. May the Seabees prosper under his capable leadership as has our paper. We'll miss you, Chaplain Robinson.
H.P.

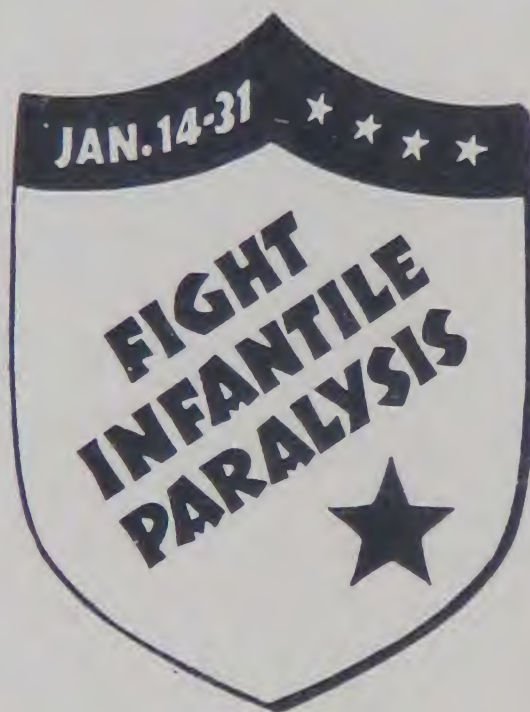
"If you don't write, you're wrong."—Kate Smith.

Red Cross News

Two Red Cross staff members from Oak Knoll have recently returned from temporary duty on hospital trains. Miss Donna Henderson was the first to be sent on a hospital train, and traveled with a draft of patients from Letterman Hospital, Army general hospital in the Presidio of San Francisco, to Framingham, Massachusetts. Miss Mildred Hunt traveled with a draft from the same hospital to Longview, Texas.

On these trips, each girl was the sole Red Cross representative, and her duties were to distribute all the comfort articles, such as toothpaste, shaving cream, candy, cigarettes, and reading materials. She was also responsible for all recreation activity during the trip. Due to the physical set-up of a hospital train, recreation activities are somewhat limited. There are few group activities possible, but everyone enjoyed discussing the different states traveled through. Community singing was popular and birthday parties were held for men whose birthdays occurred en route. One of the biggest demands was for newspapers, and keeping a constant supply of late editions on hand was quite a job.

Miss Henderson and Miss Hunt were selected for this temporary duty to gain experience in hospital train work. It is hoped that in the near future Red Cross workers will be regularly assigned to patient drafts from this hospital to other Naval hospitals in the United States.



Divine Services

Catholic:

Chaplains R. V. Cronin, J. S. Corley.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830 and 1100.
Weekday Mass—0650 and 1640.
Confessions—Daily, before Mass; Saturdays, at 1900; on the Thursday before each first Friday, at 1900.
Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Protestant:

Chaplains C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts.
Sunday: Morning Worship—0930.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Vespers—1800.
Daily Devotionals—(except Sunday)—0730.
Discussion Group (alternating Mondays and Tuesdays in Chapel)—1730.
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
L.D.S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1900; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Jewish:

Chaplain Solomon S. Bernards, Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.
The members of any faith not represented on this compound may contact the Chaplains' office for information.

Off the Bookshelf

If your New Year's resolutions included learning something worth knowing or finding out more about one of your hobbies, the Library has some books which will help you.

If you want to improve your English, the Library has Smart's *English Review Grammar*, Hart's *Twelve Ways to Build a Vocabulary*, and Stratton's *Handbook of English*. The latter two are especially good for improving your choice of words. For pronunciation, Vizetelly's *How to Speak English Effectively*, and Colby's *Your Speech and How to Improve It*, will help. For writing style, there is a book by Percy Marks, *The Craft of Writing*. Hills' and Ford's *First Spanish Course* is one of several books on learning foreign languages. Gregg's *Short-hand* and CREDIT's *Bookkeeping* are two books in the field of business. In mathematics are such books as Thompson's *A Manual of the Slide Rule*, Hall and Knight's *Higher Algebra*, and Buchan's *Aviation Mathematics*. Technical works recently added to the Library are Jacobs' *Fundamentals of Optical Engineering*, Millman's *Electronics*, Esty's *Elements of Electricity*, Ballou's *Radio Fundamentals*, Watson's *Understanding Radio*, and Ghirardi's *Modern Radio Servicing*.

The Library has two books on minerals, Loomis' *Field Book of Common Rocks and Minerals* and Zim's *Minerals*. Two new books on music appreciation are Barton's *Music as a Hobby*, and Abbott's *Approach to Music*. In photography, a recently acquired book is the Eastman Kodak Company's *How to Make Good Pictures*. In

Sulfa Drugs . . .

The sulfa drugs, the sulfa drugs,
The boon to all physicians,
Are guaranteed to kill all bugs
And cure the worst conditions.
They make you fat, they make you lean,
They save the hair upon your bean,
Promote the dunce to college dean,
Those sulfa drugs.

The sulfa drugs, the sulfa drugs,
No need for diagnosis;
Just slip them to the ailing mugs
And leave it to osmosis.
They clean the skin and swell the bust,
They give the timid nerve and crust,
And clear the home of dust and rust,
Those sulfa drugs.

The sulfa drugs, the sulfa drugs,
What scientific wonders;
You get them tinned, in glass, in jugs,
They cover doctor's blunders;
Psoriasis, pneumonia, sprue,
Pertussis, colic and the flu,
They kill them all—and even you!
Those sulfa drugs.
—Bainbridge Mainsheet.

handicraft, a book which you will like is Johnson's *Ship Model Building*. If you would like to cultivate an avocation, but have no preferences, Stieri's *The Book of Indoor Hobbies* will tell you something about gardening on a small scale—in window boxes and dishes—aquariums, pottery, leathercraft; soap carving, chip carving, plastics, and bookbinding.

Library hours: 0800 to 2100; Sundays, 1200 to 2100. Branch Library, Solarium, 77A; 0900 to 1100; 1300 to 1500; closed Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and Sundays.

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Chaplain's Corner

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Devotion

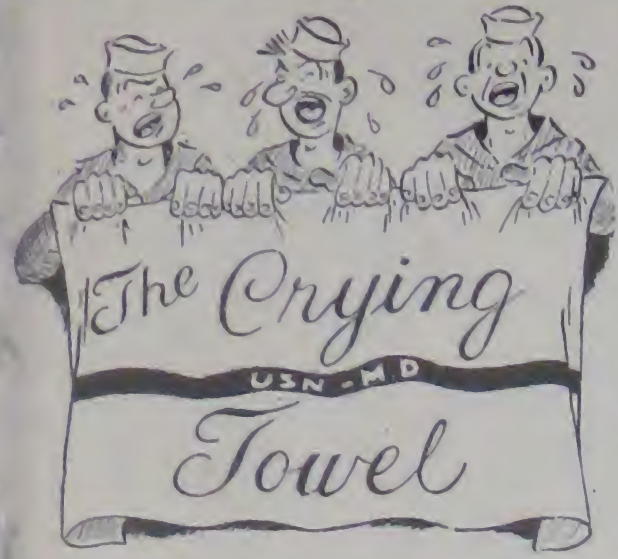
As a man and his wife are attracted to one another in mutual devotion, so does mankind always cling to its fondest desire. Sometimes circumstances are such that desirer and desire are separated. As a child forgets his favorite toy for a new one, so does mankind forget former loves when new tempters flaunt themselves in the absence of the past.

However worthy one's past devotions, man is tempted to grasp and try to possess that which is present with him. Husbands and wives who are apart geographically are tempted also to drift spiritually. They are wooed by new allurements. They are enticed to forget the past, think only of the brightness of the new love, and dream away the former love, however true.

A little girl who knows her doll as something more than her own possession does not soon forget the doll. She is the possessed as well as the possessor. Husbands and wives who trust one another in deep faith do not find geographical barriers so difficult.

Man, when possessed by the truth and the life and the goodness of the universe, is not soon separated from his God. He is spiritually alive and united with the divine Creator in sacrificial love, whatever the temptations of new friends. The cold brutalities of war do not blind him to the truths that are involved. The lust for physical and temporary pleasure does not possess those who are possessed by the spirit of the Christ on the Cross. Devotion to God and His creatures lives on in the hearts of those who will remember. They are controlled by their heart's desire. Their first love possesses them, for their prayers have led them to the Cross—and life anew.

CHAPLAIN HOWARD PITTS.



Dear Editor:
Something terrible has happened to me.

You are probably familiar with the length of a chow line. Well, a couple of days ago I went to the chow hall and there was the usual long line. Not wishing to be a chow chiseler I hitched a ride on a passing truck, which took me almost to the end of it. From where the truck driver left me I was able to walk the rest of the way.

Now the whole difficulty was that while the patient ahead of me was just inside of the base line, I was just outside of it—somewhere on the outskirts of Oakland.

All might have gone well if an MAA hadn't seen me and reported me off the base without my liberty card.

Tell me, isn't there anything that we can do about this? It frequently happens to those who wait in chow lines, and we would be very thankful to find a solution to the whole problem.

Moreover, even when the line isn't so long that we are standing off the base it is long enough that hours pass before we reach the end of it. Often we get in line for noon chow and by the time we actually get into the chow hall they are serving breakfast. In fact, to be on the safe side most of us have learned to bring our lunch to tide us over while we wait.

Have you any suggestions?

Yours emptily,

I. M. Starving.

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Dear Mr. Starving:

You ask if we have any suggestions. May we remind you that *The Oak Leaf* is directly in contact with the chaplain's office and that nothing that is the least bit suggestive would get by the chaplain.

As far as your chow line difficulties are concerned, we feel that there is no use in complaining. After all, what difference does it make if you die of old age or starvation? You will be just as dead in either case. As a matter of fact, we are not sure which will kill you first, not eating, or eating Navy chow.

New Year's Eve on the Compound



Upper left: William Lockhart, Frances Davis, R. V. Foster, Bobbie Silvester, Anne Proto, Johnnie Maestri, Eddie Block, and Amber Smithson smile for the photographer at the party in the Auditorium. Upper right: The boys and girls partake of the swell chow. Lower left: The flowing bowl has customers at the Officers' Club. Lower right: A view of the dancing during a sedate moment.

Scuttlebutt

Alice, who resides on 40A and 40B, is expecting . . . No one knows who the father is and Alice isn't talking . . . In fact, all she will say on the subject is "Meow" . . .

A **Rose** by any other name would smell as sweet . . . At least, that is said to be the opinion of a certain Wave on 40A . . .

Tom Taylor, heap big sailor, doesn't want to brag, but seems to have a drag . . .

They say **Mary Foley** is smiling thru tears, but we think it's just wicked scuttlebutt, and so we won't even mention it . . .

According to reports, **Wesley Craven** is quite a second story man . . . However, he's a specialist in exits rather than entrances . . .

"Swing and sway the **Holliday** way"—and boy, did she—right up the stairs . . .

The perfumed and exotic aura left by the departing lovelies has the mates in Building 35 all hot and bothered . . . Especially **Willie George** . . .

On the other hand, certain little animals (not corpsmen) are said to be pestering the Waves in their new and luxurious surroundings . . . All this and no hot water too . . .

Are turtles now the token of love? . . . Nice **Friske** little turtles?

Why does **Jackson** stay in on his liberty nights? . . . We don't know, but apparently someone does . . .

Calling all cars . . . **Natalie Paul** moved from Building 35 to Building 135 clad in a shirt and a pipe . . . That is all . . .

When the novocaine didn't work, the dentist crooned to her and she promptly swooned . . . Or maybe it was his good **English** . . . Scuttle-

New Unit Citation Approved for Navy

A new unit citation junior to the Presidential Unit Citation and to be awarded by the Secretary of the Navy was approved by President Roosevelt last month.

Named the Navy Unit Commendation, the new citation may be awarded "to any ship aircraft, detachment or other unit in the Naval Service of the United States which has, subsequent to December, 1941, distinguished itself by outstanding heroism in action with the enemy but not sufficiently to justify award of the Presidential Unit Citation; or to any similar unit which has distinguished itself by extremely meritorious service not involving combat but in support of military operations and such as to render the unit outstanding compared to similar units rendering similar service."

butt knows all, but we don't want to **Bragg**, as the subject is rather delicate . . .

Pappy Fagan is the most recent of the compound's papas . . . The junior Fagan will be called Bill . . .

The old salts in 135 were thunderstruck when the newly arrived Wave Boots wanted to know whom to ask for permission to take a shower.

Our profound apologies to spunky **Miss Spink** of Welfare and Recreation for the way the printers mangled her name . . . Fink is bad enough, but honey chile, think what it might have been!

NOTICE

Will the person who loaned a Waterman fountain pen in the pay line at 1300 on 5 January 1945 contact J. R. Dawe in ward 70B.

Naval Strength Hits New Peak During 1944

On New Year's Day the Navy had 61,045 vessels on hand with which to meet and defeat the enemy. The great majority of these vessels—more than 54,000 of them—are landing craft and assault ships, vessels designed to land troops on enemy beaches, deeper and deeper into enemy territory.

Here is a quick glance at the production picture for 1944:

During the year, 39,971 vessels were built for the Navy. Of these, 420 were combatant ships, 640 were patrol and mine craft, 630 auxiliary, 37,724 landing craft and 557 district craft. They aggregated 5,457,490 tons and brought the Navy's present fleet tonnage to 11,707,000 tons. They brought the total number of combatant ships to 1,167, more than three times the number on hand three years ago.

Today, the Navy has on hand approximately 37,000 aircraft of all types. During 1944, 30,070 aircraft were produced for the Navy. The cost of planes produced this year was \$2,952,725,000 of which more than \$2,700,000,000 was spent for technical combat planes. This is more than four times as much as was spent for all aircraft in 1942.

During 1944, the Navy spent \$2,800,000,000 for the shells, torpedoes and ammunition which put teeth into our ships and aircraft.

Since January 1, 1942, \$66,682,000,000 has been paid out by the Navy for the materials of war, including the expense of training and outfitting men and women who man the Navy. The value of material inspected and accepted by the Navy in 1944 was ten times greater than the 1941 value.

Attention—Swimmers

On Sunday, January 21, the Twelfth Naval District Swimming Meet will be held at Treasure Island. Those interested in entering this meet should leave their names at the Welfare and Recreation Office before January 15.

LOST

Will the finder of a brown folder (4 x 8), full of pictures taken in New Guinea and the Philippines, please return them to Bunny Gribbin at the O.O.D. Office. \$5.00 reward.

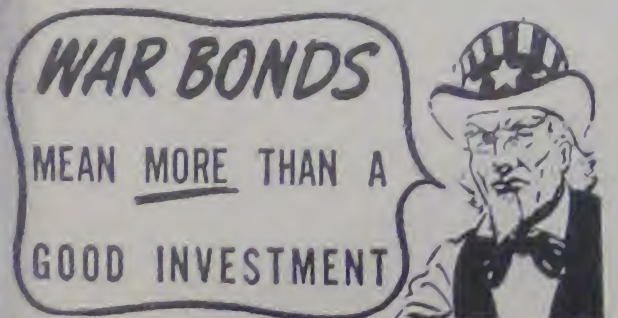
The Marine had just given his wife a beautiful skunk coat as a gift.

"I can't see," she murmured, "how such a nice coat comes from such a foul smelling beast."

Wearily the Marine replied: "I don't ask for thanks, dear, but I do demand respect."

FOUND

A cigarette case bearing the initials T. D. O. The owner may call for it at The Oak Leaf office in the Administration Building Annex.



Staff Personnel Office Handles Many Jobs at Oak Knoll Hospital



Front row, left to right: Mr. Fred W. Kent, Mr. Henry E. Van Hooerebeck, Mrs. Edna Bourdase. Back row: Sid Stephens, Vic Rizk, Bobby Hatfield, Max Christ, Kenny Fight.

The function of the Staff Personnel Office, located on the second deck of the Administration Building, is to see that all wards and departments of the hospital are at all times properly manned.

While this is the prime function of Staff Personnel, it by no means covers the scope of its activities. Advancements in ratings, staff leaves, liberty, special liberty, complements for patient drafts, and a host of other details are handled by this large and busy department.

Chief Pharmacist Henry E. Van Hooerebeck is the capable head of Staff Personnel, assisted by Pharmacist William Canavan, Chief Lipp, eight corpsmen, three Waves, and one civilian.

The magnitude of their task can be judged from the fact that the assignment to duty and transfer to schools, ships or other stations of an authorized complement of 1142 corpsmen and Waves, 85 athletic and mail specialists, and 134 ship's cooks, bakers, steward's mates, seamen and firemen are handled by this department.

Insofar as it is possible, corpsmen and Waves are assigned to

the jobs to which they are best suited. Many staff corpsmen are interviewed for particular jobs as stenos, PBX operators, clerical workers, etc., for the district headquarters in San Francisco.

Under the supervision of Mr. Van Hooerebeck, Mrs. Edna Bourdase handles the affairs of the authorized complement of 234 officers at Oak Knoll. From the moment they report aboard from another station or as interns until they are detached, she handles their records, correspondence, and promotions.

A veteran of 11 years in the Navy and 37 months overseas duty, Mr. Van Hooerebeck came to Oak Knoll on January 23, 1944. He was at Pearl Harbor on that memorable December 7th and saw duty aboard the destroyer *USS Kilty* and the repair ship *USS Rigel*. Later he was attached to the Staff under the Command of Admiral Halsey in the South Pacific as Writer for the Force Medical Officer, who at that time was our present Commanding Officer, Captain Dearing.

History to Be Written

An official history of the Medical Department of the U. S. Navy in this war will be prepared by a Medical History Board headed by Capt. Louis H. Roddis (MC) USN. Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire announced last week.

Cadet Program Grows

The Senior Cadet Nurse program in naval hospitals has been expanded to include USNH, Pensacola, Fla., and USNH, Great Lakes, Ill., bringing to eight the number of naval hospitals in which the training program is in operation.



Mr. Kent and Mr. Van Hooerebeck consult on a personnel problem.

Quintets Falter in League Play Due To Loss of Players

The basketball picture for dear ole' Oak Knoll of late hasn't been too rosy, and unless members of the compound who are blessed with ability turn out the weakened condition will continue.

The "B" team started out with a rush and ran through their first twelve games without defeat, but after that slowed down to a walk. The fault didn't lie in the fact that the spirit or ability decreased, but rather in that the members did. Out of the original team only Hunstad remains. A team can't lose men such as Blakey, who averaged about 20 points a game, and still not feel it. In the league there are many teams better than class "B" and to cope with them it takes ten good men capable of playing a fast game of basketball. When six men leave naturally disastrous results must follow, and they did. Presently Oak Knoll is down in the District League standings, but hopes to round up a squad to carry our banners high through the second round.

The "C" team flashes brilliance at times, and then falters. To date they have played exciting and usually satisfactory ball, but not up to what they are capable of. On January 4, 1945, at Roosevelt gym in San Francisco they lost a heartbreaker to the Army Air Transport Command 57 to 42 with lady-luck against them more than anything else. Their first game against the "Mountaineers" of San Leandro was their best of the year, when they won a thriller 45 to 44. The few on hand for that game really saw a nifty.

The success of the Waves bas-

HUMOR

Just because a girl is well oiled is no guarantee that she won't squeal.

Perhaps you've heard about the scandal in the Garden of Eden when Eve was AWOL—Absent without leaf.

Once I knew a little girl
Who was 10 going on 11;
Now that dame is 38,
But going on 27.

Geometric observance: The shortest distance between two dates is a good line.

S1c: Get ready to die. I'm going to shoot you..

S2c: Why?

S1c: I always told myself I'd shoot anyone who looked like me

S2c: Do I look like you?

S1c: Yes.

S2c: Then shoot me.

For two pins I'd park and kiss you, said the wolf.

Here take these, the girl replied, my hair will come down anyway.

A cub reporter was assigned to cover a school play given at the local auditorium. He contrived this masterpiece: "The auditorium was filled with expectant mothers, eagerly awaiting the appearance of their children."

ketball team won't be indicated until the middle of January when they begin the District Tournament, using Mills College gym. Most of the teams should be gunning for them because our Waves are defending champions of last year's league.

MOIPHY

by Penberthy



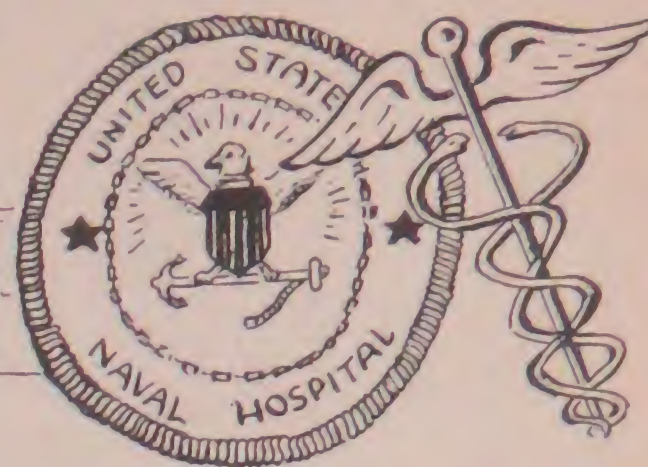
"Now if I was running that Staff Personnel Office . . ."

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Saturday, 20 Jan., 1945



Income Tax Time ... Remember?

With March 15 and Income Tax time rapidly approaching, it behooves all naval personnel to inspect their income to determine these two things: (1) Whether or not they must file a return; (2) Whether or not they must shell out some cash to Uncle Sam.

However, since the first \$1500 of active service pay received each year by a member of the armed forces is excluded from taxation, most men and women attached to this command are not required to file returns.

Anyone with \$500 or more gross income from other sources or above the \$1500 military exemption in 1944, will have to make out the income tax form and turn it in to the Department of Internal Revenue.

Members and veterans of the armed forces and their families should exclude from their income all mustering-out pay and contributions by the Government to monthly family allowances.

If, on the filing date, you are on sea duty or outside the continental United States, you may postpone filing your return until the fifteenth day of the fourth month after you come back, but not beyond the fifteenth day of the third month after the end of the war.

Lt. H. S. Critchlow New Insurance Officer Here

Lt. Harold S. Critchlow, reporting here from duty with Naval Communications in Washington, D. C., is the new Insurance Officer at Oak Knoll. His office is located with the Civil Readjustment Department on the top deck of the Marine Detachment Building.

All staff and patient personnel are invited to consult Lt. Critchlow at any time concerning National Service Life Insurance, Government Life Insurance (U. S.), and questions regarding policies carried with commercial insurance companies.

Before entering the Navy in March, 1943, Mr. Critchlow was in charge of the Field Office Equitable Life Insurance Company, Richmond, Va.

Among Those Who Received Awards



Left: Captain Dearing presents Air Medal Ribbon to ARM2c Douglas Smith; Center: F1c William E. Delaney receives the Purple Heart; Right: PhM2c Raymond Gervais receives the Purple Heart.

Patients Inaugurate Automobile Service In Convalescent Training Program

Does the old bus need a good wash job? Do you want that peculiar knock in the engine taken care of? Oak Knoll can now minister to machines as well as bodies through a unique service offered through the Convalescent Training Office in its rapidly expanding program.

Nine patients, six of them motor machinists mates, have been set up in business in the Old Transportation Building (Bldg. 11) and offer complete and expert care for automobiles of all makes and vintages. Already they can boast of Captain Carroll in their growing list of satisfied customers.

In due time, Commander Hirshland, head of the Convalescent Training Department, hopes to add a gasoline pump to their available facilities, and the men themselves

have purchased much incidental equipment which will be available for those who take over after they leave.

So if your car needs washing or fixing, do yourself a favor and call 220 for an appointment. The work will be done by the Navy's best and the prices are reasonable.

Baker Studio Group Is Hit With Oak Knollers

A feast of dancing was on hand in the Auditorium Thursday evening, January 11, when Charles and Rae Baker and their Baker Dance Studio group entertained. Mr. and Mrs. Baker, veterans of the stage, have been presenting their talented group to servicemen for the past three years.

The show opened with a lightning tap number by eight fleet-footed youngsters, after which Barbara Thomas gave with comic songs and Linda Sheean did an adolescent version of the Mexican Hat Dance. A Hawaiian Hula and War Dance followed that really had the wolves yelping.

Rae Baker added a professional touch with her expert strut dance and youthful Linda Sheean returned to bring down the house as the flamboyant "Hilo Hattie."

Hits of the show were the Baker kids from St. Louis—a swivel-hipped eight-year-old boy and his

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Citations Honor Sailors, Marines

At the colorful Citations Ceremony held on January 6, 31 sailors and marines received honors including two Bronze Star medals, one Air Medal Ribbon, a Gold Star citation, several other citations, and a number of Purple Hearts. Captain Dearing made the presentations, assisted by Captain Carroll.

ARM2c D. Smith was the recipient of the Air Medal with Sgt. G. W. Gardener being given the Gold Star. Bronze Star Medals went to Sgt. H. C. Carbaugh and 2nd Lt. Victor Maghakian.

Military honors are no novelty to Lt. Victor "Transport" Maghakian. He saw China service in 1937 and participated in the Guadalcanal, Tinian, Saipan, Eniwetok, and Kwajalein campaigns. He received the Bronze Star Medal for action with the 4th Marines on a night patrol.

Lt. Maghakian has received the Navy Cross, two Silver Stars, two Purple Hearts, and two Presidential Citations. He participated in the first offensive action of the Marine Corps in the present war when Col. Carlson's Raiders raided Makin in August of 1942. When "Gung Ho," the movie of this feat, was filmed, "Transport" acted in an advisory capacity on the picture.



Lt. Victor Maghakian

The "March of Dimes" Needs Your Help!

The "March of Dimes" campaign, which began January 14 and ends January 31, is now going full blast at Oak Knoll. All are urged to contribute liberally to this drive for the prevention and treatment of Infantile Paralysis.

The Security Office, located in the old Administration Building, is in charge of the campaign.

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• Sharing With Tiny Tims

Last year infantile paralysis swept over our home front. Fifty million Americans contributed to the 1944 March of Dimes. This year even more dimes will be needed.

There would have been fewer deaths and fewer cripples if you and I had given more for their medical care. Again the opportunity is ours to save the twisted limbs and spines of children throughout our land. Let us dig down deep—until the campaign closes on January 31.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." For the infantile paralysis campaign we need only lay down our dimes and our dollars. Can we do less?

H. P.

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Chaplain's Corner

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Hate

Early this month a twenty-five-year-old woman, who has been twice widowed in this war, addressed 2000 students. Her message, which was given extensive publicity, was "Learn to Hate." "Hate," she proclaimed in her address before the London Conference on Education in World Citizenship, "is not an emotion that we like. It comes with particular difficulty to the young. But it is the thing which is necessary to the present. Without hate I do not think we will be able to bring this war to a final, irrevocable end and build the world for which we are fighting."

A good man or woman in the Navy is like all good workmen or professional men, a man or woman who does his job to the best of his ability. The Navy or Marine Corps develops us into highly trained masters of some difficult job and teaches us to accomplish it with expert ease.

Now it can happen that a bad temper or strong emotion can make a man unfit for doing a good job. If the mechanic begins to curse the faulty motor, to bang it with his wrench, you know that he is going to turn out a faulty repair job. If the doctor should fly into a rage because his patient has developed indigestion or has broken a leg, you wouldn't wish to entrust yourself to his care. You are not able to do your best work when you are angry, boiling over, dripping curses, wanting to smash up something or somebody.

There is, nevertheless, a school of thought which insists that a good fighter ought to hate his enemy with a deep and bitter hatred. Is this approach necessary? Is it the most effective approach? Are you likely to shoot accurately when under an emotional strain? Are you not much more likely to handle your assignment effectively when you are not bothered by a lot of boiling over emotions or cluttering yourself with a lot of cursing?

The plane diving toward you or the man at the other end of your sights is an enemy, an obstacle to victory, someone who hates your country with a pagan hate. So you must of necessity eliminate him when he gets between yourself and victory. But the practice of viciously hating the enemy is not only unchristian, it is likely to be so poor an attitude that it will make the fingers too quick to press the trigger, the hand too unsteady to take careful aim, the fighter so taken up with personal dislike for the foe that he is as likely to get killed as to kill.

Every Marine wants to be a good fighting man, but cursing the enemy, hating his guts, going into battle with a kind of trembling rage isn't the attitude that makes a better fighter. Yes, there is another school of thought—a good fighter is like any good craftsman, a master of his skill and his instrument. He handles it coolly and calmly, has a job to do and does it without emotion, and when it is over experiences no heights or depths. The good fighter is too much interested in winning the battle to waste precious emotion hating the man he is fighting.

CHAPLAIN ROBERT CRONIN.

Off the Bookshelf

Our prediction, made in November, that at least 50,000 books would have been loaned by the Library by the end of December, was correct. During 1944, patients and staff borrowed 54,730 books, to say nothing of an estimated 12,000 magazines. This was an average of 149 books a day. The largest number of books borrowed in one day in 1944 was 362; in 1945, 444. The Library was open 366 days last year—yes, it was leap year!

One-third of the books read were in subject fields, with history, literature, biography, and science leading in popularity.

The Library has recently acquired some books which you may have overlooked: Willa Cather's *A Lost Lady*, a study of a charming woman; A. J. Cronin's *Grand Canary*, a novel about a group of people on a voyage to the Canary Islands; Thomas Mann's *Young Joseph*, the second part of his trilogy, *Joseph and His Brothers*; H. Rider Haggard's *"King Solomon's Mines"*, an African story filled with mystery and romance; and two of Talbot Mundy's novels about India, *Jungle Jest* and *East and West*. If you have ever been sorry that the book you were reading came to an end so quickly, you will like the last three authors mentioned. The first two books are rather short. If you have read, or even if you haven't, Rex Beach's novels, you will be interested in his autobiography, *Personal Exposures*, which take him from Michigan, where he was born, to the Klondike, from there to Hollywood and on to Florida. Another author to write of his own life is Somerset Maugham in his *Strictly Personal*. The Library has additional copies of one of your favorite books, Asbury's *The French Quarter*, a book on old New Orleans; *Barbary Coast*, by the same author, on old San Francisco; and a new one—to this Library—*Gem of the Prairie*, on Chicago.

Library hours: Main Library, 0800 to 2100; Sundays, 1200 to 2100. Branch Library, 77A, 0900 to 1100; 1300 to 1500, except Sunday, Wednesday, and Saturday afternoons.

Dr. Johnson Speaks to Hostess Training Class

Using "Adjustment of the Servicemen After Returning From Overseas" as his topic, Lt. Cmdr. C. E. Johnson (MC) USNR addressed the Hostess Training Class for Service Personnel at the Oakland YWCA on January 18.

Dr. Johnson is a member of the Psychiatric Service at Oak Knoll and before entering the Navy, practiced his profession in Palo Alto. The class for prospective USO Hostesses is sponsored jointly by the USO and the YWCA.

Red Cross News

Something new has been added on the compound. Every Tuesday night will be Magic Night—so here's your chance to learn a few slick tricks. Fred Braue, a professional magician from Alameda, has been coming to Oak Knoll for several months giving ward shows and now has decided to teach various phases of the magician's art. On Tuesday night, January 9th, Ward 42A was given an opportunity to learn how to fool friends and deceive people (in a refined manner, of course).

You know there's always one on every ward—the guy who can't be fooled—but in this case Paul Watts was properly mystified by Mr. Braue's neat tricks. George Dabney, who knows all about these things because his uncle is a professional magician, received a set of trick cards from Mr. Braue, so watch out in those card games. Corpsman John Miller did his bit to help things along by displaying signs with intriguing legends such as "Learn smooth tricks to pick up chicks"—arousing no end of interest and curiosity among the wolves. We don't know what happened to Chuck Bowersox, 72A, ramp-tramp of the compound, but at a late hour he hadn't appeared on the scene. Bowersox insists he's going into the business after the war. Quentin Morgan, another 42A "guest," did a few of his own plain and fancy card tricks, as did Jim Lanahan of 70B, who came over for the show.

On January 23rd Mr. Braue will teach card tricks. If anyone is interested in learning both card tricks and other types of magic, contact the Red Cross recreation office, Room 232, Ship's Service Building, and we'll arrange a little deal. (The left eyebrow is raised slightly at this point.) But seriously, we are anxious to get a group of men together who are interested in learning magic and expect to add more magicians who will devote an evening to teaching it here.

Give War Bond for Architectural Idea

For the purpose of continuing the steady progress of Oak Knoll in appearance and function, a \$25 War Bond will be awarded for the best suggestion, drawing, or sketch which is used for the architectural improvement and landscaping at the main entrance of the hospital.

Any member of the military or civilian staff, or patient at the hospital is eligible to submit ideas. These should reach the Office of the Commanding Officer at the earliest possible moment.

Drawings, sketches, or ideas submitted will become the property of the hospital and may be used in any way seen fit.

Oak Knoll's EENT Clinic Has 4.0 Equipment for Vital Work



Dr. Lower performs delicate eye operation with Wave Naomi Gastrock assisting.



Dr. Thomas doing accurate, objective examination of the eye.



Dr. McAlester uses Bausch & Lomb Poser Slit Lamp to study anterior segments of the eye.



Dr. Baron studies a patient's case in the Ear, Nose and Throat Department.

The EENT Clinic, modestly housed in 45B and familiarly known to the compound as "Double ENT," performs an important and valuable function at Oak Knoll, and does it well. With its three wards of patients and subsidiary department for out-patients, it gives complete and efficient treatment for all wounds and ailments in the eye, ear, nose and throat field.

Headed by Commander Lower, a staff of seven Doctors, three Nurses and ten corpsmen handle an amazing number of patients daily. Between 125 and 150 operations are performed each month. The Eye Department takes care of about 75 treatments a day while Ear, Nose and Throat averages 100 a day.

"We have superb equipment," says Dr. Lower, "and can handle any type of operation in this field." Describing the various types of work done, he stressed the excellent and extensive work now being done in plastic surgery on the eyes by Dr. A. W. McAlester.

Commander Lower has seen Oak Knoll grow from 60 patients to its present size, being one of the original group of doctors to be assigned here. He entered the Navy in December, 1941, after having been a member of the reserve since 1934. His medical education was taken at Creighton University, with post-graduate work in E. N. T. at Rush Medical School and in eye at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Lower came to Oak Knoll in August, 1942, after six months'

Baker—

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equally talented big sister. They raised jitter-bugging almost to the status of an art.

Mrs. Saake, who is known to many Oak Knollers as one of the ladies at Hospitality House in Oakland, appeared for a brief greeting and contributed vocally with two engaging numbers.

Charles Baker brought an adept interpretation of various dancing stars, after which all the kids brought the show to a close with a "GI Jive" session.

duty at the Naval Training Station in San Diego. His home is in Spokane, Washington.

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Peninsula Little Theatre Group Brings Stage Hit to Compound



Members of the cast of "The Milky Way" gaze fondly upon Mazie in a scene from the play dominated by the talented St. Bernard.

Featuring two pretty girls, an adept comic in the leading role, and a huge St. Bernard, "The Milky Way" came to Oak Knoll on Monday, January 8. A Broadway hit and a Harold Lloyd movie over a decade ago, "The Milky Way" was brought here by The Peninsula Little Theatre Group of San Mateo.

As Burleigh Sullivan, the milkman and improbable fighter, Jack Ballard did an adept job reminiscent of Harold Lloyd, both in action and appearance. Mary Gillis as his sister and Ernie Buttelman as the bona fide pugilist, contributed the romantic interest.

Comedy foils for Burleigh's shy shenanigans were Barbara Phelan as the wise-cracking Anne, Bob Meyers as Spider, and Harold Reynolds as Gabby. Sonny Tweedy, a huge male St. Bernard, impersonated the feminine and inscrutable Mazie with dignity and poise.

The show came to us under the auspices of the Welfare and Recreation Department and was introduced by Miss Perry, Lt. (jg). The play was a novel departure from the usual type of entertainment and was enjoyed by all hands.

Corpsman's 278 Is New Bowling Mark

James King, HA1c, established a new singles record for the Station Alleys with an amazing 278. A spare in the eighth frame and a single pin left standing on his last ball prevented him from bowling a perfect 300 game. King missed the doubles record by three pins, hitting 463.

We never used to be able to find grandma's glasses, but now she leaves them right where she empties them.

Scuttlebutt

The newly arrived Chief in a certain department is said to consider himself quite a wolf, but so far you couldn't find a single susceptible victim with an X-Ray machine.

Personal note to **Skee**: Why don't you write more often to **Mary**, you dope? Is that anyway to treat a **Bride**?

Dear **Inez Pruett**, how could you do it? Of Scuttlebutt she thinks that it just simply . . . My, my, a PhMlc, too! If you weren't such a good girl, you'd be in it more and then you'd have to like it. . .

When this character picked himself off the deck and looked around to see what hit him, he thought it might have been that last drink . . . He didn't know it was a **Mickey Finn**. . .

Everyone has had a hard **Rowe** to hoe down in P & A lately, but finally the Chief's red-haired **Bride** from New Zealand arrived and they can relax . . . All but **Helen Kuziara**. . . It seems a shame to tease the gal when she waits so long for those letters. . .

Hennigar may make somebody a good wife some day, but his potatoes are still lumpy. . .

Chief Whitrite is reported to be on the wagon and taking his cokes straight. . . Seven Club Play Boys fainted when they heard the news. . .

Mary Cerny, **Betty Schaffer**, etc., were said to be quite genial when they wended their way back to the barracks in the wee hours. . . Of course it might have been that nationally known brand of grape juice they had been imbibing. . .

No Place to Practice Brings Setbacks to Oak Knoll Quintets

Oak Knoll's basketball success or failure depends on practice. This was proved definitely Friday, January 12, when both the "C" and "B" league teams suffered defeats in their first doubleheader of the season.

Lose to Vallejo, Coast Guard

The "Junior" league lads started things out with a sour note by dropping a one-sided affair to the colored boys from the Naval Barracks of Vallejo, 53 to 29. Then the "Big Timers" made the evening completely dismal by dropping the nightcap, 37 to 28, to the U. S. Coast Guard Surf Riders.

Defeat Mare Island

On January 8 our charges journeyed to Mare Island and defeated the "B" league's leading team, handing Mare Island its first defeat, 45 to 44, in as exciting and hectic game as anyone could wish for. To beat such a team takes more than luck, it takes precision. Before the Mare Island game our lads had practice sessions at Castlepoint High's gym, before the Surf Riders game they had a vacation. This should prove something.

The "C" team went into the Friday night shellacking, riding on the crest of a sensational 57 to 53 victory over Mare Island's "C" group, making Mare Island seem like cousins. They continued their fine play for the first 5 minutes of the Vallejo game and then went into a terrific dive. The Vallejo boys ran around, over, and through

Hey, Superman!

The Oak Knoll Basketball Teams need players of proved ability, especially with some height. If you have ever played high school or college ball, why not come out and help the team win? Those interested should contact John Dobris at the Bowling Alleys.

Oak Knoll and, except for wonderful defensive work by Reardon, might have scored more than 53 points. Those few seconds lost by not knowing what your teammate is going to do was disastrous.

Practice is what we need, but for each practice we must borrow a gym, and that isn't as simple as it sounds. If Oak Knoll had its own gym then everyone, not only the basketball team, but patients and staff, would benefit.

A special boost should be given to those who have donated so much time and effort to local basketball. John Dobris is not only manager and director of the team but also its most ardent fan. Charlie Winters assists John and also supplies a capable referee.

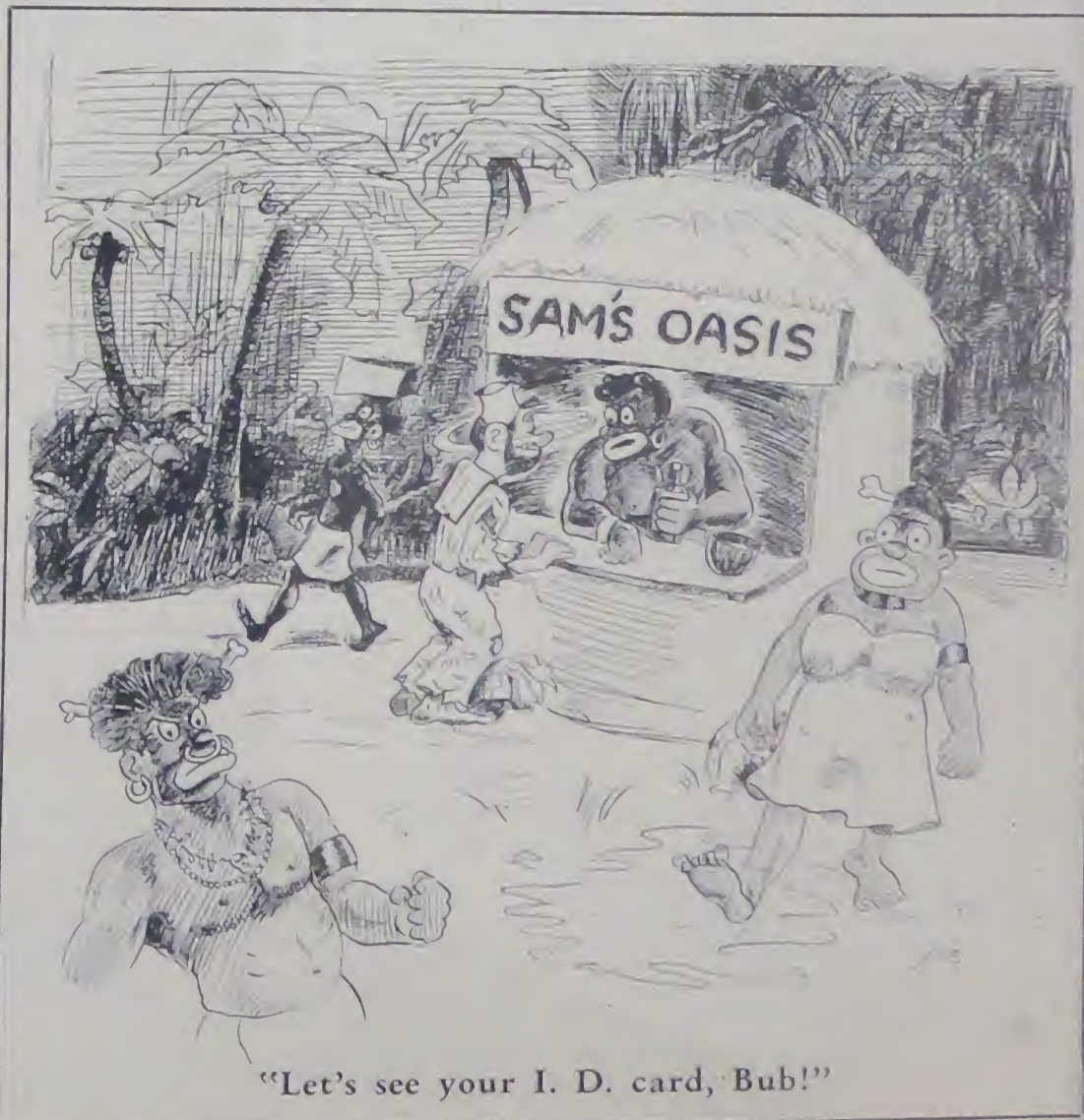
S. J. Picariello, one of the new athletic specialists on the compound, is coaching the two squads a job in which he is well qualified, having coached at Long Island University for many years.

Lt. Thompson has supplied a bus for every game and practice, while the hospital Recreation Fund has supplied all the gear and medical needs for your use.

It is hoped that tentative plans calling for the construction of gymnasium facilities here at Oak Knoll will soon be started.

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Blood Bank Opens Here

Oak Knoll's Blood Bank, situated on the second deck of the Marine Detachment Building, was officially opened on Monday, January 22. In the superbly equipped unit, the first donor gave his blood at 0830, while the camera recorded the historic event for next week's *Oak Leaf*.

All members of the staff and civilians attached to the hospital are urged to join the patriotic hundreds who will give their blood here to provide plasma and whole blood for Oak Knoll patients. The sole requirement is to be physically acceptable as determined by a preliminary examination. Donors must not eat for four hours before their appointment but may have black coffee, tea or fruit juice.

Appointments may be made any day from 0830 to 1500 by calling local 235. Bleeding days will be Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 0800-1200.

Lt. Cmdr. David A. Wood (MC) USNR and Lt. Cmdr. Louis H. Dyke (MC) USNR are the officers in charge of the Blood Bank. Officers attached to the unit will be Wave Lt. (j.g.) Madeline Dunwoodie, Lt. (j.g.) Thelma Fieser (NC) USN, and Ens. Jacqueline Staub (NC) USN.

Using as his slogan, "Oak Knoll blood for Oak Knoll patients," Dr. Wood stressed the fact that blood contributed here would be given to our own patients.

Organ Music Hour Features Classics

An Hour of Classical Music on the Organ will be presented four days a week in the chapel beginning Monday, January 29. From 1500 to 1600 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays Miss Jane Evans, SpW3c, and Miss Kathryn Long, SpW3c, will alternate in giving the concert, which will feature the works of the masters.

All Oak Knollers are welcome to attend this hour of good music played on the rich-toned Hammond Organ, which was recently acquired by the chapel.

Medical Knowledge Available For All



With Thelma Wheeler, PhM2c, in charge as librarian, two members of the hospital's staff study in the quiet comfort of the Medical Library.

Protestant Discussion Group Joins With Service Men's Christian League

On Monday, January 29th, the Protestant discussion group will become the Oak Knoll unit of the Service Men's Christian League. It will take its place among the leagues throughout the armed forces that seek collective as well as individual experience with the Christ.

In the words of Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs: "The Service Men's Christian League is the cumulative effort of the majority of the Protestant churches. It is the expression of that spirit of voluntary cooperation that could come about only in a democracy."

Election of officers will be held Monday at 1730 in the chapel, the time and place for the regular weekly meetings. Members of the group will lead their own discussions, organize their own socials, conduct their own worship. Each week a different leader will conduct the discussion.

Tuesday evenings will also see the innovation of a new program in the chapel. At 1730 on Tuesdays

Chaplain Howard Pitts will address the group on the central themes of the Bible, followed by questions and discussion.

"Quartermasters at War" Present Oakland Show

"Quartermasters at War," a show portraying the immense job of feeding, clothing, equipping and transporting the American soldier, is being presented at the State Guard Armory, 10th and Fallon Streets, Oakland, Calif., through February 4. The Armory doors are open at 6:30 p. m. on week days and at 2 p. m. on Sundays.

Along with an extensive exhibit of the food, clothing and equipment provided our soldiers, there will be a sham battle demonstrating the wear and tear which the clothing and equipment undergo. A skit dramatizing the soldier and his food is another feature of the show. Music and other entertainment will also be part of the program.

Med. Library For All Staff

A Medical Library has always been an important item in the planned development of Oak Knoll, but it was not until the recent construction of the Administration Building Annex that a spacious, well-lighted room could be assigned to that purpose.

Already a well-patronized service, with its growing stock of books, magazines and material, it will play an increasingly important role in the life of this hospital. Approximately forty medical journals are subscribed to and a large number of pamphlets are received.

Actively sponsored by Captain Dearing, the library is under the direction of a committee of three officers. Commander Harold R. Merwarth (MC) USNR, is chairman of the committee, the other members being Lt. Cmdr. John Camp (MC) USNR, and Lt. Cmdr. Dwight Wilbur (MC) USNR.

"It is the wish of the commanding officer that the medical library be available for the use of all staff personnel on the compound," says Commander Merwarth. "It has been made as comfortable and efficient as possible to promote reading and studying."

Thelma Wheeler PhM2c and Marge Catland HA1c share the duty in the medical library and at present are busy cataloging the new books being received. At present the hours are 1000-2100 daily and 1000-1200 Sundays.

Chaplains Initiate New Book Service

Through donations and loans, a select group of religious books has been secured for circulation in the chaplains' office. Two sets of the Hazen series, one shelf especially designed for students of the Bible, and a large number of other equally important books are ready for your use.

Books may be checked out for one week with any of the Waves in the chaplains' office: Jane L. Evans, Sp(W)3c, Kathryn L. Long, Sp(W)3c, or Marilyn J. Masson, HA2c. Hours are 0800 to 1700 each week day.

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• A Family Affair

However undramatic it may seem, the use of plasma is the difference between physical life and death to many patients. The opening of a blood bank in the Marine Detachment Building, 2nd deck, gives Oak Knollers an opportunity to care for their own. It is indeed a family affair. Call 235 for appointment.

H. P.

Red Cross News

During a two-month period, over 600 wires have been sent and received by Red Cross at this hospital regarding emergencies concerning servicemen and their families. Emergencies are verified by the Red Cross for men in the service or their families whenever requested, the service working both ways. If a man is concerned about a member of his family, he may request Red Cross to send a wire asking for information, and in reverse, a family may wire through the Red Cross to ask for information regarding the man. Families often become worried when they hear a man is hospitalized. It is reassuring to have a social worker talk with the serviceman and his doctor before then answering the wire. The wire service covers all communities in the United States. It usually can be completed in less than twenty-four hours, and it is given free to all men in the service and their families.

When a man has acquired Red Cross verification for an emergency leave, he should take the wire with his application for leave to his ward doctor for approval, and then on to Captain's Mast.

Men going on leaves, emergency or otherwise, are usually interested in bomber transportation. Transportation of this type can be obtained at the Oakland Airport, Mills Field at South San Francisco, and Hamilton Field, San Rafael. Airport telephone numbers are available at the Red Cross offices. The availability is determined by several things, the nature and seriousness of the emergency, the length of a man's leave, weather conditions, the amount of high priority freight, the number of flights, etc.

As he leaves the compound, the serviceman should pick up a certificate at the Master at Arms Building which grants him permission to fly. That document plus his Red Cross telegram of verification will be requested of him at the air field.

The Call

There is a call that comes to men
When the thoughts of the day retire,

And it speaks with soft insistence
Of the hills and a lonely fire;
Of days and a beckoning trail,
Of nights and a pine tree choir,
And some there are who can't resist,

Who must follow their spirit's desire.

I know. I've seen men go.

There is a call that comes to men,
When a winter's storm is nigh,
And it shouts with a loud demanding

Of the sea and the spray thrown high;

Of storms and the rigging taut,
Of calms and the wind a sigh.

And some there are who can't resist,

Who must follow the sea-bird's cry.

I know. I've seen men go.

ENS. G. A. JUNGJOHANN.

LOST

Gold identification bracelet on compound. Muriel Williams, 255-710, Type O engraved on bracelet. Please return to Nurses' Quarters, Bldg. 29.

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New Cadet Nurse Group in Class



With Lt. Payne and Miss Wilhite, Lt. (Jg), standing in the background, the Cadet Nurses pose for our photographer in their classroom in the Marine Detachment Building.

Nurses May Wed Without Resigning

Vice Admiral Ross T McIntire, Surgeon General, United States Navy, announced a modification in Nurse Corps regulations which will permit Navy nurses now in service to marry without being required to resign.

In December, 1944, the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery received applications for resignation from 138 nurses who gave "marriage" as the reason for their action. Resignations for the same cause averaged more than 100 a month in 1944, reaching a high point in November—160.

Liberalization of the marriage regulation is expected to help substantially in achieving the Nurse Corps' authorized strength, since more than 80 per cent of all sepa-

Oak Knoll Chorus Needs Singers

Oak Knoll's well-known Chorus, which functions under the supervision of the Welfare and Recreation Office, resumed rehearsals January 18. Miss Jane Evans, SpW3c, is director of the group.

Anyone wishing to sing in the Chorus should contact Lt. (j.g.) Jane Perry in the Welfare and Recreation Office, topside Ship's Service.

rations from this branch of the service have been due to the marriage bar. The Navy will continue efforts, nonetheless, to commission 4,000 additional nurses by June 30, 1945. There is no change in present policy which disqualifies married nurses for entrance into the Nurse Corps.

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Chaplain's Corner

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When David Livingston returned the first time from Africa, the University of Glasgow conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws. He was gaunt and haggard, and bore upon his person the marks of his struggles and intense sufferings. The smoke of a thousand native villages, untouched by white men; the tales of vast inland seas, and visions of a watershed of three great rivers had lured him on and on—along the tortuous slavetracks, across swamps and marshes, and through forests dark as night.

Contrary to their usual practice, the students were amazingly quiet as Livingston arose. He stood there, his left arm—crushed by a lion—hanging helplessly at his side. Then, very quietly, he announced his resolve to return to the land for which he had already endured so much. "But I return," he said, "without misgiving and with great gladness. For would you like me to tell you what supported me through all the years of exile among people whose language I could not understand, and whose attitude towards me was always uncertain and often hostile? It was this: 'Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world!' On those words I staked everything and they never failed."

And we may claim this same promise as our own!

CHAPLAIN ROEBUCK.

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Hats Off To . . .



Captain Errol W. Willett (DC) USN

Meet Captain Errol William Willett, Oak Knoll's newest wearer of the coveted four stripes. Quiet and informal, this conscientious head of the dental department has been an officer in the United States Navy since during the first World War. His first duty was on the USS Florida, one of the battleships of the U. S. Fleet which went over to become a part of the British Grand Fleet. He has served on battleships, destroyer tenders, and shore stations around the world.

Small wonder that his 16-year-old son, Peter Stuart Willett, is studying for entrance in the Naval Academy. And it does not seem too coincidental that his daughter Edith married a lieutenant in the Navy. The captain's charming wife, Marjorie, hails from Massachusetts, though he himself is an Oregonian. His alma maters are Oregon State College and North Pacific College of Dentistry.

During the course of his navy career our dental chief has taken several post-graduate courses in oral surgery. The fruit of his labors is readily seen in the Oak Knoll dental department, where his 15 dental officers and 34 enlisted personnel handle 3600 sittings each month. The department has expanded greatly since he took charge in September, 1943.

Captain Willett, collaborating with Lt. Comdr. A. E. Pound and Lt. Comdr. Michael Gurdin, has worked up a program of pictorial case histories of casualties who have suffered loss of structure—showing operations and methods of treatment. This motion picture and demonstration is being shown to dental societies and laymen throughout the country. It is an example of the spirit of cooperation to be seen in dental and medical work at Oak Knoll. For this and other signs of progress, hats off to Captain E. W. Willett (DC) USN!

First Wave: "There are two periods in a man's life when he doesn't understand women."

Second Wave: "And when are they?"

First Wave: "Before and after marriage."

Official Correspondence From Navy Relief Files

"I have already wrote to the President and I don't hear from you. I will write to Uncle Sam and tell him about you both."

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"Please send me a letter and tell me if my husband made application for a wife and baby."

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"Sir, I am writing to tell you that my baby was born two years ago and is two years old. When do I get relief?"

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"I am annoyed to find that you branded my children as illiterate. Oh, the shame of it—it is a dirty lie, as I married their father a week before they were born."

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"In answer to your letter, I gave birth to a boy weighing ten-pounds. I hope this is satisfactory."

Scuttlebutt

We won't mention any names, naturally, but the skiing excursion did reveal one blossoming friendship between a picturesque blonde and a willowy corpsman. More **Ott** to be **Hud** about this affair in the future.

Other affinities, of a somewhat improvised nature, were quite common on the bus trip but we can't mention names because we were all in the dark about it.

Tillie Wheeler is said to have displayed some startling toboggan wounds.

Jack Crutch developed a swollen upper lip due to a skiing accident (it says here) . . . much to the dismay of all the Waves . . .

The entire feminine contingent in Lab are said to be desolated by the recent departure of **Guerra** . . . Among osculatory valedictories bestowed upon him, **Inez Pruitt's** is said to be outstanding . . . in fact, a veritable smack heard round the world. . .

Eunice Gasper cuts a nice figure on the basketball court (and anywhere else), but she did most of her skiing sitting down. . .

Jean Morrison, who has been trying valiantly all these months, finally made the grade last Thursday . . . Yes, sir, they let her in at "The Top o' the Mark". . .

It is rumored that if a Marine MP named **George** doesn't watch out a gal named **Joan Kellogg** is going to establish a beachhead in his affections. . .

"**Punchy**" **Rommel** has taken to less strenuous sports since his last brawl in Central Supply resulted in a beautiful cauliflower ear . . . Better take up jiu jitsu, **Punchy**, or wear a football helmet. . .

"**Give Me a Gun**" **Parker**, the mail room commando, turned in to sickbay recently . . . He's expecting . . . orders. . .

"**Gertie**" **Scott** had a slight case of food poisoning last Sunday . . . Maybe the olives in the Martinis weren't ripe, **Scotty**. . .

Civil Service Groups Sponsor Fine Show

Upholding the high standard of entertainment they have set here on former occasions, the East Bay Council of Civil Service Associations presented a stage show in the Auditorium on January 15.



The Zenith Sisters Swing It

Steve Shepard acted as Master of Ceremonies and also provided the best act of the evening with his adept and hilarious magic. In his zeal to prove that he had nothing up his sleeve, Steve stripped to his shorts.

The appropriately named Zenith Sisters registered fairly high with their "Sweethearts of Swing" routine. Iris Wayne danced, Gene Straub strummed a tuneful banjo, and McConnell & Moore brought the fast-paced show to an end with their juggling routine.

"That's a pretty dress you have on."

"Yes, I only wear it to teas."

"Whom?"

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"Darling, the maid has burned the eggs. Would you be satisfied with a couple of kisses for breakfast?"

"Sure, send her in."

Off the Bookshelf

Wives are the subjects of two historical novels recently added to the Library: Irving Stone's *Immortal Wife*, the story of Jessie Benton Fremont, and Robert Graves' *Wife to Mr. Milton*, the story of Marie Powell. Another book about a woman is a partial autobiography by Emily Hahn, who lived in China for many years and wrote *The Soong Sisters*. Carl Crow's *China Takes Her Place* is a distinctly more conventional treatment of his favorite subject.

Revolt in Paradise, by Alexander MacDonald, is a social and economic study of the Hawaiian Islands, which have been systematically exploited for over a hundred years. If you have been disillusioned about the South Sea Islands, the best avenue of escape is back to the farm, or perhaps, in this case, to the back yard. *Chicken Raising Made Easy*, by Paul W. Chapman, tells how to take care of a small flock of from four to twenty-four hens. If the Navy had other plans for you last winter so that you were prevented from seeing your usual quota of plays, you can catch up by reading Burns Mantle's collection of *The Best Plays of 1943-44*, which includes Moss Hart's *Winged Victory*, *The Voice of the Turtle*, by Van Druten, *The Searching Wind*, by Lillian Hellman, *The Innocent Voyage*, by Paul Osborn and Richard Hughes, and others. That reminds us that we have a collection of Lillian Hellman's plays, including *The Children's Hour*, *Days to Come*, *The Little Foxes* and *Watch on the Rhine*.

William Saroyan's latest collection of short stories, *Dear Baby*, is now in the Library, as well as Carl Sandburg's *Selected Poems*. A new art book of *Etching Methods and Materials*, by Wilson Silsby, which seems simple and practical. And speaking of etchings, we also have Rufus King's *The Case of the Dowager's Etchings*!

These Troupers Put the "Accent on Fun"



"Accent on Fun," the USO Show presented here January 18, featured the comely singer shown at the left, an hilarious big and little combination, and the clever Miss on skates seen in the panel to the right.

Hospital Gets Golf Tournament Proceeds



Two checks for a total of \$350, representing proceeds from the Oakland Open Golf Tournament, are accepted by Captain Dearing. Left to right: Frank Amerio, open golf champion; Lt. Carey, Captain Dearing, Arthur Schwatka and Frank Gallagher of the Oakland Junior Chamber of Commerce.

"C" Quintet Whips Coast Guard; Loses Close One to San Leandro

"Ace" Balin's two perfect free throws in the closing 15 seconds of play gave Oak Knoll's "C" team a 36-to-34 victory over the Coast Guard District Supply Depot at San Francisco, January 14, 1945. With the pressure on, "Ace" sank the ball twice without touching the hoop.

Lather Scores 18

Lather shared honors for the evening by ringing up 18 points, one less than the Coast Guard's star, Kudeka, who totaled 19. With the score tied in the closing seconds it looked as though the first overtime game of the year was in view, but the rule book changed things.

On January 18 "Deacon" Jones was deprived of the limelight when his one-handed set shot went in and out of the hoop as the whistle blew, giving San Leandro a 38-to-

37 victory. The men from the mountain featured a fast-break style of game and always seemed to be able to protect their one-point lead. Jones tried valiantly to stem the tide by scoring 14 points, while Reardon sank five set shots to total 10 points. Huebschman, although scoring but 3 points, was a most valuable man on defense. The defeat is attributed to mental errors.

"B" Team Loses, 53-31

Our "B" team faced a wonderful college team from the Naval Auxiliary Air Station of Oakland last January 19, and took a 53-31 pasting. At that they were lucky to come out with their lives. With such men as Chandnois of Notre Dame, who scored 19 points, and Selaca of Wyoming U, who totaled 17, it is remarkable that Oak Knoll fared as well as they did. Brown of Oak Knoll did a wonderful job of watching the men under the basket and took a terrific beating. Simpson also starred, scoring 14 points on seven field goals. All of our men played a fine game, but were definitely out of their class.

He: "So your wife eloped with your best friend. Who was he?"

Him: "I don't know. I never met the fellow."

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"I want to change my name," the man told the judge.

"What is your name?"

"Joe Stinks."

"Well, I don't blame you for wanting to change it. What do you want to change it to?"

"Charlie."



"DAMES? I TREAT 'EM LIKE WAR BONDS. I GET A NEW ONE EVERY MONTH."

Oak Knoll's Nurses Trimmed By T. I. In Bowling Match

The Nurses of Treasure Island visited the bowling alleys of our reservation long enough on January 19 to roll a 1509 total, which was 320 pins better than Oak Knoll's Nurses could muster, to win the first bowling match of the 12th Naval District Nurses' tournament, 1509 to 1289.

Despite a three-game high total of 445 by Cushman, Oak Knoll never threatened to snatch victory from defeat, and came out on the short end in all three contests. Miss Bleeg from Treasure Island started T. I. out with a rush by bowling a high game score of 162, and only Cushman came close to matching it, rolling 159 for her first score. Nurse Boss of Oak Knoll got the largest number of strikes in a single game, totaling three in the second and winding up with a 115 score.

Each team used four players. Cushman was the big gun for Oak Knoll with 445, followed by Boss with 289, Cona with 285 and Sarge with 275. For T. I. Miss Shafrey topped the field with a 412 score, then came Buckley with 393, Bleeg with 384 and Cheladims with 321.

A lady found a fellow sitting at a chess board. On the other side of the board sat his dog.

"What are you doing?" the lady asked

"Playing chess with my dog."

"Amazing!" said the lady. "That's the smartest dog I've ever seen."

"What's so smart about him?" replied the man. "I've beaten him four out of five games."

Wave Cagers Lose By 31-26 Score To Alameda Team

The Waves of Oak Knoll were tripped by the "yeoman" girls from NAS, Alameda, on January 14 in their first step towards regaining the Basketball Championship of the District on the latter's home court, 31 to 26.

Girls Fight Back

With a 16-to-10 halftime lead, the NAS team looked as though it would walk away from our girls, only to find themselves fighting an uphill battle at the third quarter when Oak Knoll tied the count, 20 to 20. However, Oak Knoll was unable to hold the pace, though at one time they did take the lead.

Morrison Stars

Using a six-girl team with a double court, Mrs. Perry, Jean Dennison, and "Red" Morrison did most of the offensive chores, with Eunice Gaspar also showing well in the second half. It wasn't until NAS took a six-point lead that we finally scored as Mrs. Perry sank a nifty from in close. It was "Red" Morrison, however, who displayed the most offensive spark scoring 14 points and barely missed many others. She looked like a female "Hank" Liuseti. "Dot" Hatchfield tried to pull a "Frank Merriwell" finish by going into the game in the closing minutes of play and managed to score two points, five too short.

Man is but a worm. He comes along, wiggles a bit, then some chicken gets him.

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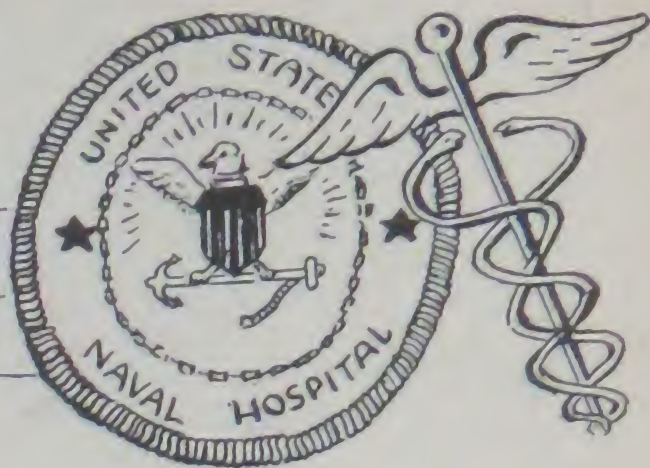
A Scotchman prefers a slender girl because there is no unnecessary waist.

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Qualified Men May Apply For HC Commission

Properly qualified enlisted men in the Hospital Corps may apply for commissions as H(S) officers or service in the field as VD control officers, it was announced by the Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Age limits are to 45.

These Are Qualifications

Qualifications, in addition to those outlined in the Officer Qualifications Manual, should include at least one of the following:

(a) A college degree in any of the basic sciences, public health administration, health education, sociology, psychology, or related fields, and at least one year of practical experience in venereal disease control with the U. S. Public Health Service; State and local health departments, the Division of Social Protection (Federal Security Agency), the U. S. Army, the American Social Hygiene Association and affiliates, the National Tuberculosis Association and affiliates, or any recognized volunteer agency of comparable caliber.

(b) A college degree and at least three years of practical experience in some phase of public health work with one or more of the organizations specified above.

(c) In lieu of a college degree, a minimum of two years of college credits normally leading to a degree, plus

(1) At least three years of practical experience in some phase of public health work, one year of which must have been in venereal disease control, or

(2) At least four years of experience in one or more of the following fields: health education with public, private, or voluntary agencies; newspaper, home demonstration or extension work, advertising or public relations work; community or trade organization, or adult education.

Desirable candidates should be those who are able to learn the necessity for venereal disease control, who would be interested in helping establish proper preventive measures, and who would be able to express themselves before groups.



On Ward 41A Sigmond Zielinsky, S1c, enthusiastically accepts an invitation to pose with Sophie Tucker while Albert Alimbina, S1c, enjoys the sight.

"A Great Entertainer and a Grand Person" Is Patients' Opinion of Sophie Tucker

Sophie Tucker, "last of the red-hot mammas," displayed much more zip than any of her younger rivals on her visit here Monday, January 22, and was an instant success with the men in the wards. A gracious lady as well as a vocal bombshell, she will long be remembered by patients on wards 63A, 63B, 72A and 41A.

Among the lusty ballads which evoked gales of appreciative laughter were "You Can't Ration Passion" and "A Gentleman Named

GI Joe." As an encore she obliged with an old favorite identified with her for many years, "Some of These Days." Mr. Shapiro, who has been her accompanist for a long time, provided the music on the piano.

Miss Tucker visited Oak Knoll twice last year and was so favorably impressed that her first wish on returning to this area this year was to come back. At present she is appearing in a night club in San Francisco.

Christian Leaguers Form Two Groups

The Oak Knoll unit of the Service Men's Christian League (a Protestant discussion and social group) has decided that it should organize on a port and starboard basis.

Therefore, every Monday and Tuesday in the chapel at 1730 one of the groups will meet. A separate set of officers will be elected for each group this coming Monday and Tuesday.

Take Fifth Place in T. I. Swimming Meet

Oak Knoll entered a two-man swimming team in the Twelfth Naval District Championship Meet held at Treasure Island as part of the dedication ceremonies for T.I.'s new gym and pool and, out of fourteen teams, came out fifth.

T. G. Haynie, CSp(A), and K. B. Kosling, Sp(A)3c, composed Oak Knoll's team. Chief Haynie won the 150 meter medley race and finished second in the 100 meter free style event.

Navy Relief Lends A Helping Hand To Servicemen

In our midst is a hand which has given to us and helped far more than it has received. That hand is the Navy Relief Society. During the past year \$17,900 has helped hundreds of Oak Knoll service men in their financial distress. Already during the month of January \$2570 has been given out in loans and gratuities.

They Need Your Help

The Navy Relief Society was created to help men of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard when emergencies arose. They or their families would suffer in such occasions if the society did not give them aid. It is the "Navy" Relief Society—Your Society! It is your opportunity to help your comrades in the service when they really need your help.

During the first fifteen days of February, contributions will be received for this work. It is the desire of the Society that no burden be placed on any individual but that each shall have an opportunity to give as much as he is able to those of our shipmates who need our help. This drive closes February 15.

Watch for the announcement of the time and place where you may have the opportunity to contribute. And remember—every dollar donated here will be used for men in this hospital.

It is horse sense that keeps horses from betting on the human race.

Waves Invited to Join Drum and Bugle Corps

Oak Knoll's Waves are invited to join the Drum and Bugle Corps now being formed under the auspices of the Welfare and Recreation Department. No experience is necessary as the Waves will be given instruction by Herbert Harrington, band leader.

The group is under the supervision of Lt. (jg) Jane Perry and it is anticipated that the Drum and Bugle Corps will play a colorful part in future ceremonies and activities here.

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• What Are We Fighting For?

Men returning from overseas often criticize the home front for indifference. And, just as frequently, civilians are chagrined by the reckless irresponsibility of some returning servicemen. Our allies in this war often make a similar comment: the American fighting men, while good fighters, do not discuss the issues of the war and are ignorant concerning questions of what they are fighting for.

Realizing this, educational agencies have shown films and have organized discussion groups as have churches and civilian organizations. Most of us are aware of our ignorance. But still the apathy prevails. What are we fighting for?

It is not enough to say that we are fighting for the loved ones back home, though fear of tyranny and death is undoubtedly a potent stimulus for any military outfit. It is not enough to know what we are fighting against. What are we fighting for?

It is not sufficient even to say that we are fighting for our country. Fascists, too, fight for their fatherlands. But they also fight for a way of life. Theirs is not simply a war to uphold a standard of living or the status quo. Theirs is a war for and against certain ideas and ideals. For these they live.

Therefore, "What am I fighting for?" can never be answered except as we ask ourselves, "What am I living for?" If this be sufficiently strong, we will not grow cynical, we will not despair. Navy routine will not be drudgery, for we will pursue life with a purpose and a goal. It is an individual question: What are you fighting for?
H. P.

Off the Bookshelf

If you are weary of that paradise on earth, the golden state of California, just skip this column—or maybe, reading it will revive your enthusiasm. California has interested writers since Richard Henry Dana wrote *Two Years Before the Mast*, in which he describes the portions of the California coast which he visited.

Early day California is depicted in Morrow's novel, *Beyond the Blue Sierra*, and Spearman's *Carmen of the Rancho*, which have eighteenth century settings. Life before the 49'ers came to California is the subject of such novels as Fierro Blanco's *Journey of the Flame* and White's *Folded Hills and Ranchero*. Also in this period, the founder of what is now Sacramento flourished, General Sutter, who is the subject of Dana's *Sutter of California* and Cendrars's *Sutter's Gold*.

California from the discovery of gold to the beginning of this century is the setting for such novels as Atherton's *The Californians*, Gregory's *Far Call*, Harte's *Luck of Roaring Camp*, Jackson's *Ramona*,

London's *Burning Daylight*, Norris's *Seed*, Ripley's *Gold Is Where You Find It*, Stewart's *East of the Giants*, McKee's *Christopher Strange*, White's *Stampede*, and Ross's *The Stranger and Blaze Allan*. Colorful figures of this era were Lucky Baldwin, about whom Glasscock wrote a book of the same name; Lotta Crabtree, of whom Rourke wrote in *Troupers of the Gold Coast*; and Samuel Brannan, of whom there is a study in Scott's *Samuel Brannan and the Golden Fleece*. The San Francisco of that period is described in such books as Jacobson's *City of the Golden 'Fifties*, Lewis's *Bonanza Inn*, and Lyman's *Ralston's Ring*. Dane's *Ghost Town*, which is Columbia, California, describes a mining town of gold rush days.

Novels dealing with California since 1900 include Bigger's *Chinese Parrot* and *Keeper of the Keys*, Fair's *Double or Quits*, Dodge's *Death and Taxes*, Boucher's *Case of the Seven of Calvary*, all of which are detective stories; Brinig's *The Sisters* and *May Flavin*, Hulme's *We Lived as Children*, Burnett's *High Sierra*, Grey's *Forlorn River*, Knibb's *Overland Red*, several of Kyne's books, London's *Martin Eden*, Marks's *No Steeper Wall* and *What's a Heaven For?*

Red Cross News

Of all the services performed by the Red Cross in World War II, perhaps the Blood Donor service is the most vital. Publicity to secure donors takes many forms, one of the most important being radio programs. Miss Donna Henderson of the Red Cross staff is the Blood Donor representative on the compound. Miss Henderson secures speakers for radio programs in Oakland, Berkeley, and San Francisco. The time for the programs, usually fifteen or thirty minutes in length, is donated by various local agencies and businesses. There is also a regular program over KROW on Mondays and Fridays at 1:00 p.m. Because of these various programs there is a constant need for men as speakers who have received plasma and for medical men who have given it. Transportation to the radio stations is provided, and liberty is cleared for speakers participating.

Many men from Oak Knoll have been on the programs, doing much to aid in the recruiting of donors. Sgt. George Reedy, a Marine Corps patient here, had one of the most unusual stories to tell. At Saipan he was struck, and the missile sheared off his tonsils, without injuring the vocal cords. Plasma saved his life, and he had a free tonsillectomy, though not in the most pleasant manner.

The Red Cross would appreciate

This Chief Isn't So Dumb . . .



The Shell Show, which brought an hour and a half of smooth, sparkling entertainment to the compound on Saturday, January 20, featured the above versatile lady, Miss Lucille Moore, and her talented foils. Lucille also acted as mistress of ceremonies and, all in all, was the hit of the evening. Other acts which pleased were Johnny O'Brien and his harmonica and Carlyle the Magician.

learning of men who would be willing to tell their stories to aid in this vital service. If you have a story, please contact Miss Henderson, Room 233, Red Cross Offices.

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Chaplain's Corner

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"IF"

(With Apologies to Rudyard Kipling)

If you can trust when everyone about you
Is doubting and proclaiming Him untrue;
If you can hope in Christ, though all forsake you,
And say 'tis not the thing for you to do;
If you can wait on God, nor wish to hurry,
Or, being greatly used, keep humble still,
Or, if you're tested, cater not to worry,
And yet remain within His sovereign will.

If you can say 'tis well, when sorrows greet you,
And death has taken those you hold most dear;
If you can smile when adverse trials meet you,
And be content although your lot be drear;
If you can be reviled, and never murmur,
Or, being tempted, not give way to sin;
If you can fight for right, and stand the firmer,
Or lose the battle, when you ought to win.

If you can really long for His appearing,
And therefore set your heart on things above;
If you can speak for Christ, in spite of sneering,
Or, to the most unlovely one show love;
If you can hear the call of God to labor,
And answer "Yes" in yieldedness and trust,
And go to tell the story of the Saviour
To souls in darkness, o'er the desert dust.

If you can pray when Satan's darts are strongest,
And take the road of faith, instead of sight,
Or walk with God, although the way be longest,
And swerve not to the left hand nor the right;
If you desire Himself alone to fill you—
For Him alone you care to will and be—
Then 'tis not you, but Christ that dwelleth in you,
And that, O Child of God, is victory!

—Anon.

Scuttlebutt

Alma Tappan is seeing **Red** these days but it doesn't make her at all mad. . .

Geiring and **Wurman** were the hits of the Physio Party with their duets rendered in liquid tones. . .

Woody didn't want to dance with a dolly. . . he prefers brooms. . . Physio bids a regretful farewell to **Corky Bragg**. . . One down and one to go. . .

The Lab is still trying to figure this one out. . . The chit was marked Urine, asked for a Glucose Tolerance blood test, and was sent in with a feces specimen. . .

"**Dark Room**" **Sammy** (you figure it out) and **Dunn** cooperate beautifully on liberties. . . Sammy specializes in a solid diet, Dunn prefers a liquid one, and so the one builds up his strength to carry the other home. . .

What do you have to do to get into sick bay? . . . **Myrtis E. Jones** fractured his leg, the docs put a cast on, and sent him back to duty. . .

We've finally discovered the reason for **Chief Whitwright's** preference for straight cokes of late. . . It seems that the famous injun has designs on a cute squaw in a local beanery. . .

Hey! This is a scuttlebutt column, not a lonely hearts club. . . **Joan** secured that beachhead in record time and it's all our fault, by **George**. . .

Civil Air Patrol Needs Teachers

Here's a chance for some Oak Knollers to get actual teaching experience and also keep in the swim. The Civil Air Patrol, Oakland Squadron, would like to obtain four or five pilots, who are interested in teaching, to instruct Cadet Classes in the various subjects pertaining to aviation.

These subjects can be: Navigation, Meteorology, Aerodynamics, Engines and Ground Rules and Regulations. Each instructor will teach one night a week only. Transportation to Oakland Technical High School from Oak Knoll will be furnished. Instruction is on a volunteer basis, and will be appreciated by enthusiastic C.A.P. Cadets as well as the parent organization.

Those pilots who are interested can contact Chaplain C. D. Chrisman, at the Chaplains' Office to obtain additional information.

Tex Bennett is very proud of her rate. . . She wears it on her pajamas and just everything. . .

He may be **Lucius** in Fever Therapy but he's simply Luscious to his girl friend. . .

Have you heard about **Marshall "Follow Me Boys" Holt** and his fire-fighting adventures? He led his gallant crew of fire-fighters as far from the fire as he could get. . .

Divine Services

Catholic:

Chaplains R. V. Cronin, J. P. Corley.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830 and 1100.
Weekday Mass—0650 and 1640.
Confessions—Daily, before Mass; Saturdays, at 1900; on the Thursday before each first Friday, at 1900.
Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Protestant:

Chaplains C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck.
Sunday: Morning Worship—0930.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Vespers—1800.
Daily Devotionals—(except Sunday)—0730.
Discussion Group (alternating Mondays and Tuesdays in Chapel)—1730.
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
L.D.S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1900; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Jewish:

Chaplain Solomon S. Bernards, Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.

Judge (to defendant): "What induced you to strike your wife?"

Defendant: "Well, your honor, she had her back to me, the broom was handy, and the back door was open, so I thought I'd take a chance."

You should see the Golden Glow in **Ferguson's** eyes when he comes back to the base from The Playboy. . .

"**Ding Dong Daddy**" **Tomelli** dates all the Waves in Receiving Room and 69A. . .

Everytime **Morrelli** comes back from a liberty one of his car windows is gone. . . Is it because they have to leave in a hurry? . . .

Bowler's Defeat Albany Depot

Oak Knoll's undefeated bowling team retained their unblemished record on the local alleys on January 26, by knocking over 287 more pins than the Naval Landing Depot of Albany, California, could upset. Oak Knoll's 2499 total was far below their usual quota, but the boys from Albany were able to muster only a 2212 score. Before the contest new wood was selected for the match, causing more splits than a ballet dance.

Peklewsky was Oak Knoll's spearhead as he rolled the three game high with a 553 count, and also the single game high with a 202 score. **Jimmy King**, who earlier set a new alley record, fell off slightly, netting a final 471 score. **Smits** came in second for the evening's high total, mustering 504 pins and racking up eight strikes. In his last frame of the evening **Smits** struck out, getting three in a row. **Dr. Harris**, hero of the boys from 78 B, totaled 484, just four below Albany's high point man, **Bozel**, who totaled 488. **Chief Strouse** totaled 487 for the evening on 19 spares. Oak Knoll ended up with a 479 team game average, and a 159 man game average.

Wife: "Haven't you anything nice to say about my mother?"

Husband: "Yes, she objected to our marriage."

Blood Bank Saves Life-Giving Plasma and Blood for Oak Knoll's Patients



Bill Blank MaM2c gives the first pint of blood in the new Blood Bank on the second deck of the Marine Detachment Building with the assistance of Lt. (jg) **Thelma Feezor** and Corpsman **R. A. Kersten** while Lt. (jg) **Madelene Dunwoodie** watches.

Oak Knoll's new Blood Bank swung into action on Monday, January 22, to provide a supply of life-giving plasma and blood for compound patients. **Bill Blank** MaM2c, had the honor of being the first to contribute.

In the superbly-equipped unit situated on the second deck of the

Marine Detachment Building blood is now being collected Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 0800-1200. All members of the staff and civilians attached to the hospital are urged to join the patriotic hundreds who are giving their blood here.

Appointments may be made any



Top row, left to right: **R. A. Kersten**, **N. R. Jackson**, **S. L. Shultman**, **Doris Marsh**, **F. J. Paryaski**, **P. N. Ferrante**, **L. Z. Goings**; bottom row: **Ens. Jacquelyne Staav**, **Lt. Comdr. David A. Wood**, **Lt. (jg) Madelene Dunwoodie**, **Lt. Comdr. Louis H. Dyke**, **Lt. (jg) Thelma Feezor**.

day from 0830 to 1500 by calling local 235. The sole requirement is to be physically acceptable as determined by a preliminary examination. Donors must not eat for four hours before their appointment but may have black coffee, tea or fruit juice.

Lt. Comdr. David A. Wood, one

of the officers in charge of the unit, stresses both the great need for voluntary donors and the fact that the blood contributed here would be given to our own patients.

"Oak Knoll blood for Oak Knoll patients" is the slogan of the blood bank.

Ski Trip Provides Fun, Spills, and Chills for Staff



California is a wonderful place. You don't have to stay in Oakland and freeze to death; you can go up into the Sonora Mountains and do the same thing, with skiing thrown in. All kidding aside, a wonderful time was had by all staff personnel who went on this weekend fortifies herself for the day's adventures, Virginia Welch and Jack Dawe gaze fondly upon each other, Angela Paljanec proudly holds her a mule; it's an athletic specialist by the name of Mike George.) Chief Specialist (A) Emmett Pyle smiles sadistically as he thinks of the rugged terrain he will presently lead them into. Jimmie Mirto and Arline Razall smile innocently, with Yvonne Benskin emoting in the foreground. In the lower left, Eunice Gasper, in one of her few vertical moments on skis, smiles sweetly at the cameraman and the snow melted for miles around. Lower center, Virginia Welch poses with two neophytes of the trail. Lower right, Jean Dennison, who was one of the more experienced skiers, starts the long trek back up the hill.

Basketballers Lose to Alameda and T. I.

The theme for Oak Knoll's basketball fortune remains the same—defeat. On 25 January the "C" team journeyed to Alameda and returned with a 40 to 25 setback. The first half showed signs of a contest, and although Alameda held a 21 to 12 advantage, Oak Knoll showed signs of improvement. Often times Gibson would work in the clear only to find himself waiting in vain for a pass. Huebachman scored 6 points on his first 5 shots, and Slater, playing his first role as a starter, looked flashy on occasions.

26 January was also a sad evening for the "B" squad, as the Armed Guard Center quintet from Treasure Island literally swarmed over us 43 to 31. Despite 13 points scored by Felix "the cat," who played his best game of the year, Oak Knoll was unable to match the deadeye shooting of T.I. Often times we would work right into the bucket, only to miss almost certain goals.

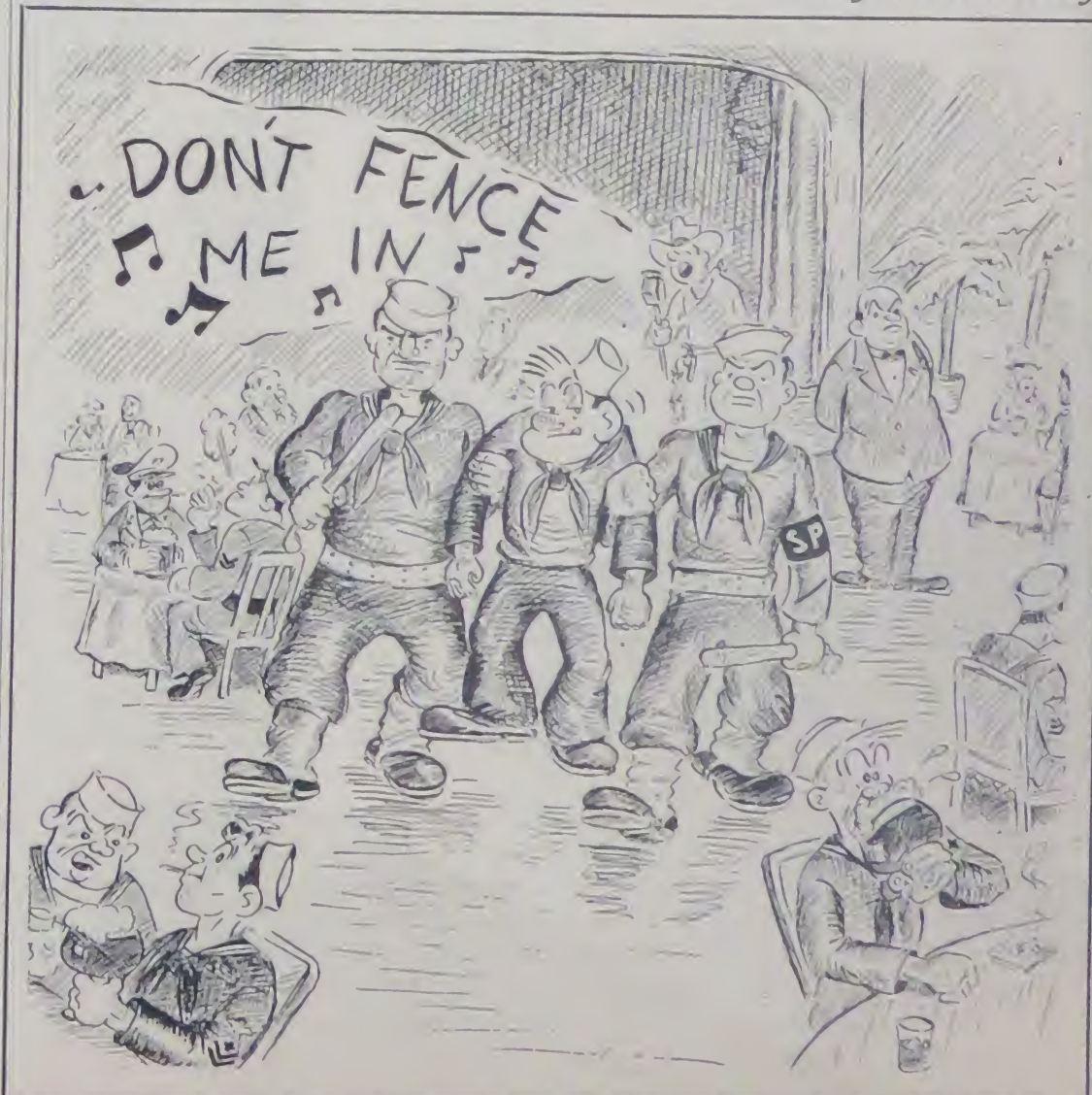
San Leandro Takes Waves 27 to 26

Ens. Louise Hodgson, who once starred for Oak Knoll, turned against her alma mater long enough on 22 January to give San Leandro a 27 to 26 victory with a last minute goal. "Hodge's" shot brought about a disappointing culmination to a torrid last quarter offensive drive by Oak Knoll, picking up seven points in the last five minutes.

Playing on Castlemont's large gym floor, San Leandro's two court sextet started off as though they were playing merely in one court, Oak Knoll's. At the half the girls from the mountain held a 14 to 7 lead. In the last half, however, Oak Knoll made it another story, as the three forwards, Morrison, Hatchfield, and Gasper, started to click. Then came the roughhouse play as the game grew more tense, with many unlady-like body blocks handed out. Dennison and Gasper were retired on fouls and with them went the ball game.

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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

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New Hotels Open Doors To Navy Women in Area

Two new hotels that will serve navy personnel here and at other Bay Area stations have recently opened in San Francisco.

The Naval Aid Auxiliary Hotel for Service Women at 20 Jones Street not only has sleeping accommodations for 212 women, but it also has a reception room that resembles a page from Better Homes and Gardens. Here Waves, Spars, Marines, or Wacs may entertain their friends. A grand piano is there for those who like music. Books, magazines, and writing materials are provided—in fact nothing has been forgotten by women of the Naval Aid Auxiliary, who planned and executed the project.

Charge \$1.00 Per Night

Conveniently located near the Civic Center, the hotel was a long-unused business building, but \$46,000 worth of improvements and several months of hard work have transformed it into an attractive, comfortable place where service women may stay for the nominal fee of \$1 per night. The city of San Francisco, the State of California, Bay Meadows Race Track, and Paramount studios have been largely responsible for financing the project, which is the only one of its kind this side of New York.

The second hotel, located at 1798 Great Highway on the beach near

Golden Gate Park, is known as the Naval Auxiliary Aid Inn. It features attractive play pens for children and dormitories to accommodate 56 visiting Navy wives while they are looking for more permanent homes near their husbands. Lodging for a night costs only 75 cents a person, and meals are served at reasonable prices.

Both hotels are non-profit organizations, and at present no advance reservations are necessary.

Mrs. Philip P. Roach, wife of Commodore Roach, was in charge of the project. Mrs. Wright, wife of Admiral Wright, Mrs. Carey, wife of Commodore Carey, Mrs. Shipp, wife of Captain Shipp, and Mrs. Smith, wife of Major General J. C. Smith, formed the committee in charge of the enterprise.

Hospital Grows with Addition of New Buildings and Facilities

The Oakland Naval Hospital has many of the aspects of a boom town these days with recently constructed buildings and others in the process of construction to be seen about the compound. Included among the redwood structures now taking shape is even that final amenity of a civilized community—a bank.

Recently added to house Oak Knoll's growing population and expanding facilities have been a new Wave Barracks, three Nurses' quarters, a new Bag Room and Corps School Building, a Storehouse for Maintenance Gear, and a Pottling Shed for the use of the gardeners.

Down near the main gate a large new building now houses the Educational Services, the Blood Bank, Civil Readjustment Offices,

Lovely to Look at . . .



A wealth of radio and cinema talent was on hand Tuesday, January 30, under the deft emceeing of Dean Maddox of the National Broadcasting Co. The show featured Ruth Slenczynski, sensational young concert pianist. The Four Vagabonds, and Alice Higgins, the above beauteous songstress.

Here Is Procedure To Use in Making Clothing Claims

Navy Personnel:

In case you have lost your clothing you should contact the Clothing Officer in room No. 231 of the annex to the Administration Building—Building No. 101—second floor, and state your claim. An extensive tracer for such loss will be undertaken by the Clothing Officer. Should the clothes be found, they will be returned to you, or shipped to you, wherever you have been transferred. If your clothes are not found, a claim will be submitted for you. In the meantime you will be issued clothing up to the amount of \$60.00 free of charge, remaining the property of the Government, and must be returned to the Small Stores on receiving your clothes or claim, to free your record. The above information applies to loss of gear by the U. S. Government or due to actions resulting from war.

In case you have lost gear on a train, in transit from one station to this Hospital, contact the Clothing Officer and state your claim. You will be given information and advice on the matter.

Marines:

In case of a Marine, tracers will be made, if found, your gear will be returned to you. If not found, you will be directed to the Quartermaster, Marine Corps, of the Marine Detachment, and clothing will be issued in accordance with present current instructions.

All:

In case of personal gear other than clothing and small stores, a claim may be submitted only if lost by the U. S. Government or due to actions resulting from war.



Four prospective customers in front of the new Service Women's Hotel.

100 Per Cent!

Property and Accounting came through with 100 per cent participation the first day of The Navy Relief Drive. How about your department? Remember, this is our way of helping our mates.

March of Dimes Drive Nets Total of \$125.12

The March of Dimes drive at Oak Knoll netted a total of \$125.12 to be contributed to the Infantile Paralysis campaign. The Hospital is proud to have made this substantial donation and wishes to thank all who gave.

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★ The World Owes Me a Living

The opinion that there is too much brotherly love is becoming more popular—a belief that we have thought so much about taking care of our neighbor that our neighbor no longer finds it necessary to care for himself.

Certain questions immediately present themselves: What about the man in the service? Does he believe the world owes him a living or is he willing to work? Has society cared for its own too well? How can governments offer opportunities to their citizens without discouraging self-reliance? These questions need to be raised in a day when totalitarian trends endanger individual initiative and the sense of each man's responsibility to the whole.

America's genius lies in its treatment of all men as brothers, for people are more than "stuff," and the democratic way defends this premise. But brotherly love is wise when it helps men to help themselves. A living society is one in which individuality is not destroyed.

If individuality is to be retained in the post-war world, individuals must do their best to carry their own loads. Men being discharged from the Navy will do well to develop their hidden talents and to share in the responsibility for building a better world. To bear the burdens of others we must first bear our own. It is the American way.

Oak Leaf Enlists Department Aides

In a move to improve the news coverage of *The Oak Leaf* and to provide an advisory council, 13 department representatives met with the staff on February 1, 1945. The group was formed by Chaplain Howard Pitts, editor of *The Oak Leaf*, in cooperation with the heads of the compound's various departments.

At this initial meeting Virginia Welch of Physio Therapy was named secretary and the functions and purposes of the group were discussed. It is planned to have these department representatives meet with the staff every month.

The functions of the individual members were defined as being those of reporters and it will be their responsibility to see that the paper is informed of all newsworthy items in their departments. In general, *The Oak Leaf* was commended as doing a noteworthy job and recent typographical changes were highly commended.

Members attending the meeting included the following: Lt. (jg) Lois Simons, CPhM Timothy Fitzgerald, PhM1c Kay Dean, Helena Borkland, PhM2c Virginia Welch, PhM3c John Watson, PhM3c M. Williams, Forrest Tennant, Harold Jacobs and Irving Feld.

Departments not as yet represented are invited to appoint a member to serve on this council.

Off the Bookshelf

In the shipment just received from the Bureau are a number of good new books, which you will enjoy reading. *Buffalo Coat*, by Brink, is a novel about two Idaho doctors and their wives in the 1890's. Also in the Library is another good novel about the practice of medicine in a frontier town in New York, *Adams' Canal Town*. Howard Spring, the author of *My Son, My Son*, has a new book, *Hard Facts*, which is reminiscent of Hardy's *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, and deals with the problem of love between two people of different social, moral and economic backgrounds.

The life of the old-time troupers is the subject of Miriam Young's provocatively titled book, *Mother Wore Tights*. Mother started as a Floradora girl in San Francisco, after winning cake-walking contests in Oakland. Rosemary Taylor's father in Tucson is the main character in her new book, *Ridin' the Rainbow*, a sequel to *Chicken Every Sunday*.

Two new books dealing with various localities in the United States are Jennison's *New Hampshire*, consisting of photographs, with brief captions, and Woodward's *The Way Our People Lived*, an account in fictional form of manners and customs from Boston to San Francisco from 1600 to 1900.

Nurses Respond to Navy's Urgent Need

Applications to the Navy Nurse Corps have leaped from an average of 15 a day to nearly 100 daily, it was revealed in a radio speech last week by Rear Admiral W. J. C. Agnew, (MC) USN, assistant chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

This increase took place in the last few weeks, following initial discussion of drafting of nurses, Adm. Agnew said. The Navy Nurse Corps is "nine thousand strong today," he added. This is six times its size during the last war and 10 times its pre-Pearl Harbor size.

Lt. Cmdr. Camp Attends Radiography Conference

Lt. Cmdr. John D. Camp, head of the X-Ray department, left on February 5 to attend a conference in Chicago sponsored by the Committee on Education of the American College of Radiography. Dr. Camp is chairman of this committee and the four-day conference will deal with the Post-War Training of Radiologists.

Scuttlebutt

Latest Carn Barn Casanova reported to this column is N. M. Johnson of Surgery 1. . . They say his soft Texas line markets well, particularly at Hall's. . .

Does Mazon, the Happy Valley, Connecticut Yankee know that there's a rebel (blonde) on his trail?

Everything happens in Lab. . . They got a complaint from a ward about their whole blood. . . It seems the last batch delivered was half plasma. . . And then there was the technician who fainted at the sight of that itty bitty needle going in. . .

Notice to Marge's other bookworm beaus: This guy Dempsey's first name may not be Jack but he's the heavydate champ right now. . . and an M. P., too!

Scuttlebutt never misses! Special Agent Mr. E. of the Disbursing Office confirms the blossoming friendship between Ott and Hud, as predicted.

It is said that when Chief Sanders takes a certain Wave out he makes her drop two tokens of appreciation in the box when they come home on the bus.

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Chaplain's Corner

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Letter From the President

It is highly fitting that in the midst of the world struggle for liberty we should remind ourselves of the spiritual realities by which the ideals of freedom are nourished. The principle of human brotherhood is the source of our political democracy and this principle is rooted in the faith which our Fathers knew and which we have lived by. One God is our father and all of us are brothers and sisters in his family. We worship at different altars and express this faith in many ways. But deeper than the differences is the spiritual unity that makes us one people.

On battlefields throughout the world, Americans of many cultural backgrounds stand together in one fighting force that presents an unbroken front against the enemies of freedom. We move forward to victory—one people dedicated to one flag in the service of justice and peace for all. As these men and women of the fighting forces carry on their struggle against tyranny overseas, they dream of the homeland in which equal opportunity for the good life is open to all. It is, therefore, a solemn duty for us who live and work in the United States to keep our country free of prejudice and bigotry so that when our fighting men return they may find us living by the freedom for which they are ready to give the full measure of devotion.

The United States is the greatest team of free men and women that the world has ever seen. This is the hour for us to decide that our determination shall be in peace, as in war—teamwork. I am happy, therefore, to welcome the twelfth anniversary of Brotherhood Week, February 18-25, 1945, under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. I hope that our people will come together this week to renew and strengthen their determination to serve the high principles of liberty through spiritual unity.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck.
Sunday: Morning Worship—0930.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Vespers—1800.
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.
Discussion Group (alternating Mondays and Tuesdays in Chapel)—1730.
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplains—R. V. Cronin, J. P. Corley.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830 and 1100.
Weekday Mass—0650 and 1640.
Confessions—Daily, before Mass; Saturdays at 1900; on the Thursday before each first Friday at 1900.
Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—Solomon S. Bernards, Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.



Above: Technicians Marie Bennett and Simonne Belanger supervise the weaving of three patients at the large looms.

Above (right): Technician Martha Emerick admires the work of three patients who are adept in the field of oil painting.

Right: The staff in Occupational Therapy poses for a picture. Seated—Lt. (jg) Frances Nicoll, Lt. (jg) Elizabeth Moser. Standing, left to right—Henry Cideon, Marie Bennett, Martha Emerick, Barbara Pennington, Helen Snyder, Elda Page, Simonne Belanger, Beverly Alexander, Jean Rosenthal, F. C. Wood.

Occupational Therapy Provides Functional Training for Patients

Working in conjunction with Physical Therapy in the job of restoring patients to fitness and health is Occupational Therapy, located in Building 27 and the rear of Building 2. Occupational Therapy is headed by Lt. (jg) Frances Nicoll, assisted by Lt. (jg) Elizabeth Moser.

A staff of nine Waves and two corpsmen supervise the various activities of the patients who come to this department for Functional Therapy and Rehabilitation. In time, with the development of other departments to handle Rehabilitation, this department will specialize in the Functional aspects of recovery.

Ten large looms and 16 small looms are provided on which patients make many rugs which are used in the hospital. At present, in addition to other projects, they are working on small rugs for the Nursery in the Dependent's section.

Pottery Shop, Leather Work, Knotting, Fly Tying, Ship and Aeroplane Models, Oil Painting and Water Colors—all these occupy the time of patients and not only provide engrossing hobbies but also restore functions to wounded and diseased limbs.

In the Wood Shop many projects of a useful nature both for patients and the hospital are being worked upon. They have just recently completed making mailboxes for all the wards on the compound.

For those who are unable to leave the wards, Occupational Therapy sends workers into the wards daily to supervise activities in this field.

Hospital Personnel Assigned by Rate

Announcing a fundamental change in methods of detailing hospital corps enlisted personnel, Lt. Comdr. Edward G. Dennis (HC) USN, Hospital Corps Personnel Officer, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, this week revealed that, effective 12 February, future complements of hospital corpsmen will be assigned by rates in Bumed, rather than by name.

This change does not affect Hospital Corps officers.

In the future, all requests for changes in complement, filling in complements, transfer, change of duty or special instruction will be made through the Naval Districts or administrative commands. Lt. Comdr. Dennis added that the change does not affect in any way submission of HC3 or HC4 forms to Bumed. In fact, greater care will be necessary that these forms be submitted promptly in accordance with Bumed circular letters 6 and 7.

Bill Asks Establishment Of Medical Schools

A bill submitted to the House of Representatives seeks establishment of a medical training school in each corps area which would supply physicians for the Army, Navy and Public Health Service. In exchange for regular medical training the students would agree to serve a minimum of 10 years.



Red Cross News

On January 23rd the Red Cross Craft Shop became the scene of great activity and, quite probably, great confusion. A group of men, all of them trained in the rigors of physical education, found themselves suddenly learning the intricacies of belt knotting, leather tooling and carving, card weaving, etc.

Under the Convalescent Training program, the Chief Specialists were given training in craft work in order that craft programs could be handled on wards where there are a large number of bed patients. The Red Cross was asked to participate in the training course and twelve Chief Specialists were selected for the first course, which lasted about two weeks. Every afternoon the classes were held and crafts were taught by Red Cross staff members and Gray Ladies.

The conversation was wonderful to hear, as large masculine hands, all thumbs of course, wove lanyards and card belts. Amidst

the din and general confusion could be heard the muttering of male voices—"knit one, purl two." Actually, however, the chiefs learned some interesting handcrafts and turned out fine examples of square knot belts, belts woven of pyrocraft, and leather billfolds. All these crafts will be taught on the wards and each ward will have its own craft supplies.

If this training course proves to be successful, and patients enjoy learning crafts, another group of specialists will be trained in a short time to carry on the craft program on the wards.

Wave: "My date last night asked me to marry him and make him happy."

HA2c: "Which did you decide to do?"

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Chief: Where have you been for the past four hours?

Mess Cook: Filling those salt shakers like you told me to.

Chief: All this time?

Mess Cook: Well, Chief, it ain't easy to pour salt through them little holes.

Hats Off To . . .



Chief Fred Peterson

"I'm being well taken care of," says Fred Peterson, the grey-haired chief who reclines in the quiet room of 60B. And his devoted wife, Barbara—with him and feeding him each noonday for over four months—is proof of the compliment.

The chief's cool, grey Swedish eyes brighten as he relates his Navy experiences to the innumerable friends who drop in to chat or joke or just to see old Fred and his genial wife. You see, Fred Peterson has served in the United States Navy for 42 years! No wonder he shoots the breeze with a salty air.

Drop in sometime, particularly you old-timers. He might tell you of the day he enlisted—on the twenty-third of February, 1904, in Bremerton, Washington. He started out on an old sailing vessel, the "US Nipsic," at the age of 19, then went to Goat Island for training and was put on the "USS Buffalo." But though he has since done "nearly everything on deck" on innumerable decks, no ship brings back happier memories for our popular patient than the "USS Nebraska." "It was the sportiest ship in the Navy," he proudly boasts. The "Nebraska" football team won the Atlantic Fleet championship the year that 200-pound Fred Peterson played halfback.

JUST A MINUTE, MAC !!



Bowling Champs Face Challenge of Specialist Team

Oak Knoll's bowling team is the district titleholder, and has yet to lose a match. The athletic specialists, among whom are many excellent bowlers, think they have an even better bowling quintet. This controversy resulted in a compound match to be held on the local lanes Wednesday, February 14. Come out and watch the fireworks!

Since the inauguration of the Station Bowling Alleys on June 7, 1944, their success has increased to a point beyond expectation. Explanation for this recent surge is twofold: the patient liberty system and interest stimulated among the staff. At present, over 350 lines are rolled daily by the keggers.

Posted daily are records for bowlers to shoot at. To date the station records are held by Jimmy King with a 278 single game high; Pfc. Al Nadolski with a two-game high of 466; and Chief Strouse with a triple total of 687. Ens. B. Greene holds the women's single high with 223, Eunice Gaspar has the double with a 412 and Ens. M. Hocking the triple with 590.

Oak Knoll's Chorus Sings At Richmond Ship Yards

On February 2, Oak Knoll's Chorus sang at three of the Richmond Ship Yards of the Henry Kaiser Co. in the drive to procure blood plasma donors. The 21 Waves, Corpsmen and patients, under the direction of Miss Jane Evans, SpW3c, were heard by approximately 30,000 workers.

The 25-minute program, which was given at Yards 2, 4 and 5, was very well received and the Chorus was given an urgent invitation to return soon and sing at other yards.

When the chief's first enlistment period expired, he signed up again the following day. When, after 20 years, he was retired, he went to work for the Navy in a civilian capacity. On May 13, 1942, the Navy called him back as chief torpedoman—to be an instructor on the pistol and rifle range at Treasure Island. For two years he turned out 200 marksmen per day; and foresighted Fred told plenty of jokes to keep the nervous amateurs from shooting each other. A machinist, he was next sent to Alameda Air Station to instruct and to supervise in the assembly of torpedoes. There he suffered a stroke, so—now he's at Oak Knoll.

Fred lives in his memories of 42 years in the Navy, and in fond expectation of the next visit from his two lively granddaughters—"the bosses of the whole Peterson family." Hats off to Fred E. Peterson, CTM (ret.), USN!

Wave Quintet Loses to Mare Island, 41-22

A girl named Hatfield made Oak Knoll's trip to Mare Island on January 26 a most unhappy one by scoring 31 points to lead Mare Island in a 41-to-22 victory over our Waves.

One might say Hatfield personally defeated Oak Knoll, because she didn't play the third quarter, and in that period we scored 10 of our 22 points, compared to Mare Island's 4. Hatchfield did most of Oak Knoll's offensive chores, sinking four baskets, while Baskan, Mirto and Dennison played tightly at defense.

Oak Knoll's offensive drive suffered somewhat over the illness of Jeannie Morrison, who, although playing, scored but 4 points. Eunice Gaspar turned iron-woman for the tilt, playing half at forward and half at defense.

Official Correspondence From Navy Relief Files

"I have no children as my husband was a truck driver and worked day and night when he wasn't sleeping."

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"In accordance with your instruction, I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope."

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"Unless I get my husband's money soon, I will be forced to lead an immortal life."

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"I want my money as quickly as I can get it. I've been in with my doctor for two weeks, and he

Cage Teams Drop Close Games to Shoemaker, T. I.

Oak Knoll "B" team lost to Shoemaker Naval Hospital, 41 to 38, on February 2, 1945, but it took an overtime period, a referee and a timekeeper to do it. Leading, 38 to 37, with 15 seconds remaining, Oak Knoll took possession of the ball, but the timekeeper failed to start the watch. This resulted in a protest by the players, which in turn resulted in a technical foul, and then to add insult to injury, also resulted in a tie. The overtime lasted seven minutes, and then, with Simpson and Reakes banished from the contest because of arguing, Shoemaker nosed three points and victory.

Charlie Kieswater scored 12 points for the individual honors, while Simpson, who earlier in the week set a new team high with 17 points against Port Chicago, scored seven.

The "C" team also lost a heart-breaker, 44 to 42, to Treasure Island on February 1. After playing a wonderful 21-to-21 half-time game, the Oaks let down and waited until trailing 8 points before they started up again. Reardon and Gilbert played wonderfully under the basket, while Gibson and Hume displayed offensive power. The turning point of the game, however, was when Lather was sent to the showers on fouls.

doesn't seem to be doing me any good. If things don't improve, I will have to send for another doctor."

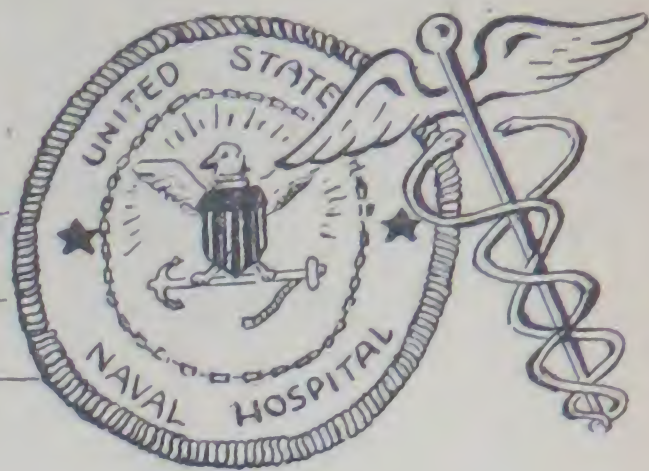
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"Say, Doc . . . Moiphy would like to borrow a pint."

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Prerequisites For Study Set

Effective 15 February hospital corpsmen applying for or assigned to special instruction in any of the courses listed in the Catalog of Hospital Corps Schools and Courses will have to qualify under revised prerequisites, the Surgeon General announced recently.

The prerequisites will be made an addendum to the current catalog, which is available in all activities and was printed in the Hospital Corps Quarterly of January, 1945.

The Hospital Corps certificate or its equivalent indicating completion of the basic course for hospital corpsmen is a requisite for all special instruction courses. Following are the requirements for special courses leading to the certificates named (listed after 1) are minimum qualifications and after 2) are desirable qualifications):

Aviation Medicine: 1) Men only; 2 yrs. high school. 2) Typing; high school graduate. **Clerical Procedures:** 1) High school graduate; typing. 2) Business school or business experience; high school graduate; stenography; office experience. **Clinical Laboratory Technic:** 1) High school graduate (including course in chemistry or physics or biology); 2 yrs. high school and significant laboratory experience. 2) Laboratory experience; Pre-Med courses; college graduate; pharmacists (graduate).

Commissary: 1) 2 yrs. high school. 2) High school graduate; business experience. **Deep Sea Diving:** 1) Men only; physically qualified; 2 yrs. high school; volunteer. 2) High school graduate. **Dental Technology (General):** 1) 2 yrs. high school; recommended by dental officer. 2) high school graduate; dental experience. **Dental Technology (Prosthetic):** 1) 2 yrs. high school; manual dexterity; mechanical ability; recommended by dental officer. 2) High school graduate; dental (prosthetic) experience; dental technologist (general).

Duplication Technic: 1) 2 yrs. high school; print shop experience. 2) High school graduate; printer

Writers Visit Hospital for Material



Left to right: Margaret Cousins, Ellen McCoolle, Delite Martin, Captain Dearing, Lt. (jg) Lydia Koolstra, Jane Wallace, Mary Harbord, Ruth Portugal.

Six well known writers, now touring the Bay Area to obtain material on the Air Evacuation Program and the Nurses' role in it, visited Oak Knoll on February 6. They represented such nationally known magazines as *Cosmopolitan*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Esquire* and *Harper's Bazaar*.

During their visit here, they were greeted by Captain Dearing and toured the compound, including Surgery 2, Physical Therapy,

or related trade. **Electrocardiography and Basal Metabolism:** 1) 2 yrs. high school. 2) High school graduate; mechanical and electrical ability. **Electroencephalography:** 1) High school graduate (including course in physics). 2) Mechanical and electrical ability. **Epidemiology and Sanitation:** 1) High school graduate. 2) Pre-Med courses; college graduate; high school biology, mathematics and chemistry.

Fever Therapy: 1) 2 yrs. high school. 2) High school graduate; nursing experience; masseur. **Low Pressure Chamber:** 1) 2 yrs. high school. 2) High school graduate; mechanical ability. **Malariology:**

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Occupational Therapy, and Wards 42A and 74B. They chatted with patients who had been evacuated from overseas by air.

Included in the group were Margaret Cousins of *Cosmopolitan* and *Good Housekeeping*, Ellen McCoolle of *Mademoiselle*, Delite Martin of *Charm*, Lt. (jg) Lydia Koolstra (NC) of *Air Evacuation*, Jane Wallace of *McCall's*, Mary Harbord of *Esquire*, and Ruth Portugal of *Harper's Bazaar*.

Chief Pharmacist Brock Heads Discharge Office

The fairer sex on the compound will be interested to learn that a very eligible bachelor, Chief Pharmacist Aubon V. Brock, USN, has reported for duty at Oak Knoll. He is Assistant Civil Readjustment Officer here, in charge of the Discharge Office.

Mr. Brock comes to us from Washington, D. C., where he just completed a two-month course in Civil Readjustment. His colorful thirteen-year Navy career includes considerable time at sea and in the war zones.

PhM3c Gets Commission

From PhM3c to Lt. (jg) in the Hospital Corps was the sizable jump made by Neely E. Bradford on Thursday, February 8, when Captain Dearing administered the oath of his new office. As a pharmacist's mate, Mr. Bradford has been a popular and efficient worker in the Laboratory for the past three months.

Mr. Bradford is a graduate of the University of Arizona, took graduate work at Arizona State Teachers' College at Tempe, and a year of medicine at Baylor. His major in college was Biology.

As Lt. (jg) Neely E. Bradford H(S) USNR, he left this past week for Washington where he will report to the Bureau for instruction and assignment. With him go the best wishes of his shipmates at Oak Knoll.

Ward 71A Takes Bowling Title

Ward 71A was crowned the king of the Ward Bowling Tournament, held at the local bowling alleys February 5 to 9, while Ward 67A and Ward 74A finished second and third respectively.

In a tournament of 15 ward teams the lads from 71A massed the high total of 1432 pins. D. E. Lyman scored 561 while S. J. Kralywick made 412, and J. J. Pagno upset 459.

Ward 67A's 1408 took 2nd place as Lt. Comdr. Clements made 468, Lt. (jg) Lenz flashed a 599 and Ens. Nightingale 431. Then followed T. J. Wilks with 505, T. R. Sheble with 388 and G. W. Espoist with 481 to give 74A show money with a 1374 total.

The tournament was so successful that John Dobris has announced another tournament during the week of March 5.

Course for HC Officers Is Now Eight Months

The administration course at the Hospital Corps Officers School has been increased to eight months, with the convening of a new class of 75 Hospital Corps officers.

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• A New Face

Moiphy is, of course, a tradition at Oak Knoll. A lovable but somewhat eccentric little cuss, his cartoon adventures as a corpsman have made for him a host of friends in the hospital. *The Oak Leaf* simply wouldn't be *The Oak Leaf* without the bulbous-nosed little guy and his penchant for getting into trouble.

It is with pleasure, therefore, that we announce the arrival of another Penberthy character, to be found in this issue on the third page. "Okie," like Moiphy, is a refuge from corps school and we are sure his weekly adventures will be followed with interest by all Oak Knollers.

"Okie" is, we understand, the conventional term applied to the splendid citizens of that splendid midwestern state, Oklahoma. We prefer to believe, however, that it is a contraction of Oak Knoll, his residence from now on.

T. F.

Music Room Brings Enjoyment for All



A patient records a message with the assistance of the attendant.

The Music Room in the Community Service Building is a very popular recreation spot for Oak Knollers. Almost anytime during the day the strains of music can be heard emanating from here.

A definite schedule is followed in the presentation of music. During weekdays popular music may be heard from 0900 to 1100 and classical music from 1300 to 1500. During week nights classical music is presented 1800-2030 on the starboard watch and popular music 1800-2030 on the port watch. On Saturday and Sunday classical music may be heard from 1300 to 1600 and popular music from 1800 to 2100.

Attached to the music room is a recording room where one may make a record of his own to send home. Recordings may be made on week days only from 0900 to 1100 and from 1300 to 1500.

Scuttlebutt

This will be bad news to her many admirers, but when **Rusty Masson** says "Roger" she doesn't just mean OK. . . .

The mates in Building 35 report that when the WAVES moved out they forgot to take the sand fleas with them. . . .

Stocks was visited by his very good looking "cousin" recently. . . . They say it was an inspiring sight to see such an affectionate kinship. . . .

We are delighted to report that **V. W.** has transferred her allegiance from the Army to the Navy. . . . In fact, as befits a WAVE, it is now her **chief** interest. . . .

It is reported that when **Danny Checki**, one of the maturer technicians in Surgery 1, saw an autopsy recently he turned so white that he's been getting a pint of blood a day to restore his color. . . .

They have discovered a new disease over in X-Ray. . . . It is called Swartz's disease and we understand it is somewhat akin to Cat Fever.

Lawson, Surgery 2's tall, blond and handsome Texan, has found a tall, dark and beautiful Wave to match. . . . At least that's what they're saying in Surgery 1.

Was **CPhM Oder** ever flabbergasted when the elderly lady on the train said to him, "Young man, would you please put out that cigar and knock off on those sea stories so we can all get some sleep!"

Navy Doctor: "Son, you've got acute appendicitis."

Marine: "Please, doc, stop your kidding. I came here to be examined . . . not admired."

This Chief Comes in Two Editions



Chiefs Lee M. and Lew H. Vaughn.

To Oak Knoll's many unusual advantages has been added the attraction of two good-looking identical chiefs, Lee M. and Lew H. Vaughn. The disadvantages, if any, are those encountered by girls who can't be sure whom they're going out with, or the poor corpsmen who work for one and report to the other.

Lee and Lew came into the Navy in January, 1942, and took their recruit and corps school training in San Diego. They served two months at Bremerton, Wash., and 29 months at Pearl Harbor, before coming to Oak Knoll. All of their promotions have been taken together.

The boys are quite philosoph-

Did You Know That

1. It is possible to obtain high school or college credit for your military service?

2. High school, college, and technical subjects are available?

3. Evening classes will be given if a sufficient number are interested?

Contact the Educational Services Office between 0800 and 1630 for further information.

Dental Work to Be Done On All Overseas Drafts

In accordance with the Surgeon General's aim that all men on overseas drafts will have any necessary dental work completed prior to leaving the United States, arrangements have been made at dental facilities in the San Francisco Bay area to handle the men prior to sailing.

IT HAPPENED AT OAK KNOLL

Visitor: And where are you from?

Patient: Me? I'm from Brooklyn.

Visitor: Why, I've just read *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*.

Patient: What? Oh, sure, we've got trees in Brooklyn.

ical about their twin plight, but admit that it does annoy them to have strange girls come up and greet them affectionately.

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Chaplain's Corner

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Lent

St. Valentine's Day comes this year hand in hand with Ash Wednesday—Ashes and Hearts! Ashes symbolic of death and decay—Heart symbolic of life and love.

The symbolic coincidence of the two Feasts involves no contradiction. "Greater love than this no man hath than he lay down his life for his friend." This thought is an expression of Christ. It is a Christian paradox. It requires great love to sacrifice one's life for another—death and love. Through sacrifice and penance we acquire the Source of all love.

The Lenten Season is with us again. The historic Christian period is one of preparation for the great Feast of Easter—the day on which Christ arose from the dead.

Feast days are for our participation. Just as Christ fasted and abstained for a forty day period in anticipation of His Passion and Death, so do Christians enter the Season in a penitential spirit to share with Christ the spiritual conquest of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Like an airplane ascending into the sky—the farther away it goes from earth the higher into the heavens it ascends. So we too—the further we draw away our souls from the attractions of the earth, the closer we draw to Heaven and Eternal Life.

Lent is a period of concentration on this principle of spirituality. In the ashes of Ash Wednesday—the symbolic expression of penance—we draw closer to the Heart—the Heart of Christ.

CHAPLAIN JOHN P. CORLEY

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.
Sunday: Morning Worship—0930.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Vespers—1800.
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.
Discussion Group (alternating Mondays and Tuesdays in Chapel)—1730.
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplains—R. V. Cronin, J. P. Corley.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830 and 1100.
Weekday Mass—0650 and 1640.
Confessions—Daily, before Mass; Saturdays at 1900; on the Thursday before each first Friday at 1900.
Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—Solomon S. Bernards.
Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.

Cast Room's Veteran Crew Brings Essential Services



Left to right: Fred Hummel, Henry Mohr, John O'Rourke, Ens. Louise Hamilton.

A busy but unheralded function of the hospital is contained in the Cast Room on Ward 42A. Here Ens. Louise Hamilton (NC) USN and her experienced crew of three corpsmen, John O'Rourke, Fred Hummel, and Henry Mohr, handle 20 cases a day.

Putting on new casts, reinforcing casts, removing casts, and

trimming casts—all these problems occupy the time of the cast room crew, and their patients range from babies to grandfathers.

Not only does this department handle all the cast work at Oak Knoll, but in addition they do a great deal of work for Naval Stations in the area which do not have these facilities.

Prerequisites—

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1) High school graduate. 2) High school course in biology. **Medical Photography:** 1) High school graduate or 2 yrs.; high school and related experience. 2) Related experience (commercial or amateur). **Medical Field Service:** 1) Hospital Apprentice 2c. 2) First aid training or experience. **Neuropsychiatry:** 1) 2 yrs. high school. 2) High school graduate; nursing experience.

Neuropsychiatry Clerical Procedures: 1) 2 yrs. high school; typing; shorthand. 2) High school graduate; office experience. **Occupational Therapy:** 1) High school graduate, 2 manual skills (e.g., weaving, pottery, printing, etc.). 2) College training; teacher training; related work (e.g., atypical children, blind, deaf, etc.). **Operating Room Technic:** 1) 2 yrs. high school. 2) Hospital experience.

Pharmacist's Mates Certificate: 1) PhM2c—men only; 2 yrs. high school; age 22 to 35 years; emotionally stable. 2) PhM1c; high school graduate; first aid experience; college training. **Pharmacy—Chemistry:** Discontinued until further notice. **Physical Therapy:** 1) 2 yrs. high school. 2) High school graduate; related experience. **Property and Accounting:** 1) High school graduate; typing; office experience. 2) Business high school graduate; college training; book-

keeping or/and accounting training.

Submarine Service: 1) High school graduate; physically qualified—men only; volunteer; PhM2c (qualified for PhM1c); emotionally stable; age 22 to 30 preferred; well qualified men up to 36 years of age may be selected; minimum requirements as published in current BuPers instructions. 2) PhM1c; graduate of Hospital Corps School (Intermediate course); first aid experience; experience on duty independent of a medical officer.

X-Ray Technic: 1) High school graduate; mechanically inclined. 2) College training; high school or college courses in physics; photography experience (commercial or as hobby); mechanical ability.

Dermatology and Syphilology: 1) High school graduate. 2) Nursing experience.

Off the Bookshelf

Wanted: One patient interested in taking care of the aquarium at the library; experience desirable but not necessary.

This week's additions to the Library include the following books:

The West

Kegley: *Rodeo*. (Mostly pictures.)

Knee: *Santa Fe, New Mexico*. (Also mostly pictures.)

Murphy: *The Glittering Hill*. (A novel about Butte, Montana, in the early nineties.)

Halleran: *Prairie Guns*. (Kansas after the Civil War.)

Sea Stories

Ehlers: *Diary of the Ship's Surgeon*. (A pre-Pearl Harbor voyage.)

McFee: *World's Great Tales of the Sea*.

Winter: *One bell calls the watch*.

World War II

Gunnison: *So Sorry, No Peace*. (What makes the Japanese tick.)

Huie: *Can Do!* (The Seabees.)

Lucas: *Combat Correspondent*. (A Marine Corps correspondent at Tarawa.)

Scott: *Damned to Glory*. (The heroine is the P-40 in various air battles from the Solomons to Africa.)

Mellor: *Sank same*. (Activities of the Civil Air Patrol.)

Arts and Technology (Or What Have You)

Anderson: *Audel's Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Guide*. Dougherty: *Pottery Made Easy*. Jenkins: *Practical Pottery*.

Kelly: *A Practical Course in Horology*. (Watch making and repair.)

Morgan: *Leica Manual*.

Sheridan: *Comics and Their Creators*.

Goren: *The Standard Book of Bidding*. (Bridge.)

Laugh It Off!

Cerf: *Try and Stop Me!*

Meier: *The Joke Teller's Joke Book*.

Breen: *Take It Away*.

Kimbrough: *How Dear to My Heart*.

Lasswell: *High Time*.

Goldberg: *Rube Goldberg Plan for the Post-War World*.

Reynolds: *I Feel Like a Cad*.

Papashvily: *Anything Can Happen*.

X-ray Commissions Are Sponsored in House Bill

A bill introduced in the House of Representatives would "authorize the appointment of X-ray technicians as commissioned officers in the Medical Corps of the Army and the Medical Corps of the Navy." Technicians eligible for such appointments would be those registered in their respective States.

Humor...

"I see the CPO is getting a double chin."

"Yeah, too much work for one, I guess."

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"Your doctor is out here with a flat tire."

"Diagnose the case as flatulency of the perimeter and charge him accordingly," ordered the garageman. "That's the way he does."

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Medical Officer: "Now really, young man, in civilian life would you come to me with a trivial complaint like this?"

Seaman: "No, sir. I'd send for you."

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Rastus (throwing down four aces): "There, guess I win this ole pot all right."

Sambo (angrily): "You play this game honest, boy; I know what cards I dealt you."

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The scene is a train compartment in Romania. The characters: A German Officer, a Romanian Officer, an old lady and an attractive girl. The train enters a tunnel. The passengers hear first a kiss, then a vigorous slap. The train emerges into the light again. Everyone remains silent, but the German Officer has a black eye.

The old lady thinks: "What a good girl she is, such good manners, such a fine moral character."

The girl thinks: "Isn't it odd that the German tried to kiss the old lady and not me?"

The German thinks: "That Romanian is a smart fellow—he steals a kiss and I get hit."

The Romanian thinks: "I am a brilliant fellow. I kiss the back of my hand, hit a German Officer and get away with it."

OKIE



"THE SADIST"

RENDERBY

Hats Off To . . .



Lt. (jg) Hortense E. Arbogast.

On September 27, 1942, less than three months after the commissioning of the Oakland Naval Hospital, a trim, brown-eyed nurse ensign with a warm, friendly smile reported aboard. She was Hortense E. Arbogast, now a Lt. (jg) and Chief Nurse in Surgery 2, and she has seen Oak Knoll grow from a rambling little village to the present impressive plant.

Miss Arbogast was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and at the age of eight, after the death of her mother, moved to Berkeley, California, with her father. Four years of high school and two years of college at the University of California prepared her for her chosen career of Nursing.

After completing her training at the Hollywood hospital in Los Angeles, Miss Arbogast took post-graduate work in Surgery at the University Hospital in San Francisco. Here, too, she served for two years as Supervisor of Surgery.

Miss Arbogast was rather reserved in discussing her own background, but when the interview veered into the field of Surgery she became voluble and enthusiastic.

"We have many of the same types of cases to be found in civilian hospitals, but the extensive work being done in plastic surgery and nerve repair is bound to advance surgery tremendously in those fields," she said.

Among her other duties, Miss Arbogast supervises the training of corpsmen in surgery and teaches classes. When asked her opinion of corpsmen, she said, "The corpsmen are wonderful. Considering their youth and background, they do marvelous work."

While Surgery, in which she professes to be learning new things all the time, is Miss Arbogast's main preoccupation, she still finds time for some swimming and tennis. As to the future, well, she would like to see duty aboard a hospital ship some day.

Then there was the Captain who said sternly to the Ensign: "Is that your cigarette butt on the floor?" And the Ensign politely replied: "It's yours if you want it, sir. You saw it first."

Waves Trounce S. F. Marines in 25-19 Thriller

Oak Knoll's Waves mixed a fast break perfectly with a fighting spirit on February 4 to defeat a highly overconfident team from the Marine Engineers of San Francisco on Mills College plywood floor 25 to 19.

Although the Engineers were much taller and more experienced they were outfought, as Oak Knoll ran them into the floor and then outscored their tired and perplexed opponents.

Oak Knoll started with Lt. Perry, Hatchfield, and Eunice Gaspar at forwards, and Dennison, Boskin and Paljanec at guards. At their bench for the entire contest was but one sub, "Babe" Minnott, who played quite favorably in her first appearance.

Hatchfield was the leading scorer of the evening with 11 points, while Mrs. Perry and Eunice Gaspar scored 7 apiece, making the entire forward line a natural. It was Oak Knoll's first victory of the season but it was worth waiting for.

Blind Bowler Displays Extraordinary Skill

George McDonald, blind bowler par excellence, gave an inspirational and interesting demonstration of how to bowl against the greatest of handicaps on the local lanes last February 6.

Contrary to most predictions, Mr. McDonald didn't use the ball guard as a feeler. After once locating the gutter, he would pace off the desired distance for the approach, and set himself without assistance. On releasing the ball his poise, follow through and pace were natural, if not perfect.

In five frames Mr. McDonald racked up a 73 score, below his average but exceptional none the less. Mimmy King attempted the same feat blindfolded and threw the ball across three alleys. Peklewski did much better, getting the ten pin.

Corpsman Sets Record In Getting First Aid

PALAU ISLANDS—Albert O. Seagle, HAlc, claims the fastest time between receiving a wound and getting medical care for it. Seagle, attached to a unit of the Second Marine Air Wing, was standing next to an operating table in a field hospital when struck by a Jap sniper's bullet. Hit in the leg, which buckled, Seagle sat down on the operating table. Three seconds later other hospital corpsmen were giving him first aid.

Seagle hails from West Frankfort, Ill., and attended Hospital Corps School at Farragut, Idaho, completing the course on 14 January of 1944. After a brief tour of duty at USNH, Portsmouth, Va., he went overseas with the Marines.

Here Are "C" Team Aces



Left to right: Hume, Jones, Lather, Heubschman, Slater.

Hospital's Cage Teams Score Wins Over Marine, Naval Supply Squads

The week of February 5 was a most happy one for the basketball sons of Oak Knoll as both the "B" and "C" quintets came out victorious. Your sports reporter has waited long and patiently for it to occur.

The "C" cagers tripped to San Francisco on February 8 and defeated the Marine Depot of Supplies 48 to 40. "Deacon" Jones did most of the point making by ringing the hoops for 18 points, 14 in the first half. Lather, who played the entire contest, also flashed on offense.

With the score 29 to 29 at the half, Oak Knoll came back to out-

slug and outscore the Marines. The second half also uncovered a fine backboard man in Uricki.

The "B" squad led all the way in triumphing over the Navy Supply Depot of Oakland 48 to 46 on February 9. Using the cut formations with defensive set ups, the team scored from all corners. Richard got back into form with 10 points, Simpson and Hunstad netted 9 each, and Keisweither 7.

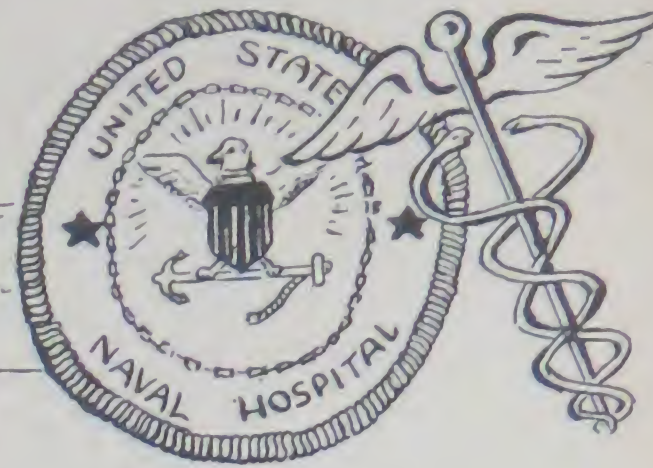
Oak Knoll held a 22-17 half time edge, and only in the last few minutes did the Supply Depot threaten their lead. The second half lasted 28 minutes, 8 over the allotted amount.

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MARTHA RAYE BRINGS "FUN TIME"



Above, left to right: "Fun Time" troupers pose for a group shot; George, Olive and Richard form a vocal trio and then go outside to entertain the overflow. Below: Martha Raye pleases an audience of one in a ward; Sara Ann McCabe and Renee DeMarco pose prettily, and Dean Murphy does one of his many impersonations.

Show Cast Is Hit In Varied Program

Oak Knoll had its own "Fun Time" on Thursday, February 15, when the San Francisco show by that name visited the compound. Featuring the irrepressible Martha Raye and the debonair Dean Murphy, "Fun Time" was a hit both in the Auditorium and on the wards.

Dean Murphy Is MC

With Dean Murphy acting as master of ceremonies and interpolating his own material between the acts, the show opened with three fleet-footed colored boys, Tip, Tap and Toe. Lovely Renee DeMarco contributed her own type of stylized dancing, and the beautiful Sara Ann McCabe sang several ditties.

Smith and Dale delighted the audience with their rowdy skit but the undoubted hits of the afternoon's festivities were the three little people, Olive, George and Richard. Their diminutive nimbleness in both the terpsichorean and vocal fields gained them many encores.

Versatile Dean Murphy did a number of his excellent impersonations, after which Martha Raye took over for the rest of the show. Her warbling and capers were evidence as to why she is a favorite with servicemen both here and overseas.

March Is Named "Red Cross Month" In 1945 War Fund Campaign

The month of March 1-31 has been designated by President Roosevelt as "Red Cross Month" for the 1945 War Fund campaign. Its goal is 200 million dollars—the sum necessary to cover local, national and international expenditures of the American Red Cross. In a letter to the Secretary of the

Navy, Mr. Roosevelt said, "No matter what turn the war takes in 1945, it is apparent that the responsibilities of the American Red Cross in meeting needs both of the returning servicemen and of their dependents will increase in 1945. For this reason it is vitally important that the Red Cross obtain the necessary funds to finance its activities on behalf of the Army and Navy for another year."

Never in the history of our country have so many men been under arms. There are 12 million members of our armed forces whose needs must be met, and the families of our men must be aided when the hardships and burdens of war affect them. There will be even greater demands on Red Cross services overseas as the war expands in the Pacific, as more

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Navy Relief Drive Nets \$2,874.78

The Navy Relief Drive, which ended on February 15, netted the grand total of \$2,874.78, demonstrating again that the Navy takes care of its own. The campaign was conducted by Pharmacist James K. Singleton and his crew in the Provost Marshal's Department.

A great many departments contributed 100%, with the honors for the largest donation going to the Nurses. In a drive directed by Miss Wilhelm, Lt. (jg), and Miss Hoyt, Lt. (jg), our ladies in white gave \$925.50.

The following girls deserve the thanks of all for the work they did in the campaign: Nan Ginter and Ann Brown of the Dental Clinic; Norma Entrikin of Physical Therapy; Marty Emerick of Occupational Therapy; Marilyn Masson of the Chaplains' Office; Charlene Porter of 67A.

Oak Leaf Responds To Call for Blood

The Oak Leaf has responded 100 per cent to the call for blood for Oak Knoll's patients. Editor Howard S. Pitts, Lt. (j.g.); Managing Editor Trondby Fenstad, HA1c, and Cartoonist John Penberthy, HA1c, have all responded to this vital need. What other department can and will match this record?

"Surveys of 1945" Coming on March 2

"Surveys of 1945," an intimate revue featuring Oak Knoll talent and designed for Oak Knoll tastes, will be presented here on Friday, March 2, at 1930. An evening of fast entertainment and laughs is promised by Larry Lumberg, S2c, who is directing the show. Mr. Lumberg has had extensive stage experience and served with Fleet Recreation overseas. "Surveys of 1945" is sponsored by the Welfare and Recreation Department.

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• Re-Creation

Do you know Tom? *He's* a swell guy. Has to lie on his sack all day, but just look at him. He gets a dozen letters a day from his friends. You can tell he enjoys answering them, too. It carries him around the world.

And there's Al. Quite a chess player. Studies a lot. Seems to enjoy reading biographies (maybe that's why he's so smart). Everyone likes Al. Good sense of humor.

Give a gander at Jim. He sits there playing that "potato" all day. The music is not so hot, but we like it. Jim's got a pretty fair voice, too. He starts either a barber shop quartet or a harmony happy hour 'most every night. That really does a lot for the gang.

Bill is interested in world affairs. How he can read the daily papers and still be idealistic is amazing. But that's the kind of a joe he is. He'll make a post-war world worth living in. A few more men as unselfish as Bill would change things all right. Nothing pie-eyed about his religion. He studies politics and economics half the time. Puts up some pretty good arguments for the co-op movement, when you give him a chance. Plenty practical to be so wise.

Time is a road which leads toward life; it isn't a thing to be killed. How do you use *your* talents? H. P.

Hats Off To . . .



CPhM Merritt E. R. Smith

CPhM Merritt E. R. Smith, head of Oak Knoll's Pharmacy, was serving his country in war before most of the compound's population were born, having seen 29 years of service in the Navy. He has seen the service grow from a mere 45,000 to its present total of over 3,000,000 and the Hospital Corps evolve to its present size from a nucleus of 3,000.

Since that day in October, 1914, when Apprentice Seaman Smith enlisted in the Navy, he has seen a variety of duty in many parts of the world. His first duty was aboard the U.S.S. Iris, submarine

tender, and during the First World War he served aboard a destroyer on convoy duty. The division of three destroyers to which he was attached had the signal honor of capturing a German U-Boat.

After the war he served aboard the USS Brooklyn, which was then Flagship of the Asiatic Fleet, stationed in Vladivostok, Siberia. Pearl Harbor, Canacao, P. I.; Los Banos, P. I., the old four-stack cruiser U.S.S. Milwaukee, and the modern battleship U.S.S. Nevada have all, for varying periods of time, been home for Chief Smith.

Perhaps because his duties both ashore and afloat kept him on the move, it was not until 1939 that the handsome chief entered the untroubled seas of matrimony. At that time he married a San Francisco girl and at present they have their home in San Leandro.

Since he came to Oak Knoll on March 5, 1943, Chief Smith has been in charge of the congenial crew in Pharmacy and he is well satisfied with this job. When asked to compare the old Navy with the modern one, a thoughtful look came into his eye, but no specific comment was forthcoming.

He did, however, add this bit of philosophy: "I have always told the young people who worked with me, 'You have something which I will never have again and that is youth; but I have something which you have yet to acquire, and that is experience.'"

Off the Bookshelf

Authors appreciate a word of praise, and when Lt. Sherrill, the WAVE Public Relations officer, wrote a letter to Margaret Halsey telling her how much she enjoyed *Some of My Best Friends Are Soldiers*, she received a reply by air mail. Yes, the Library has the book, which is concerned with fair treatment of minorities in this country.

We Look at the English

Halsey: *With Malice Toward Some*. (Margaret Halsey spent a year in England, and comments wittily.)

Chase: *This England*.

The English Look at Us

Kipling: *American Notes*. (He thought there was room for improvement.)

Thompson: *I Lost My English Accent*. (He had a good time.)

Saunders: *Pioneers! O Pioneers!* (He stayed six weeks.)

Brogan: *The American Character*. (He took us seriously.)

We Look at Ourselves

Mead: *And Keep Your Powder Dry*. (An anthropologist looks at her countrymen.)

Parrington: *Main Currents in American Thought: An Interpretation of American Literature*. (From the beginnings to 1920.)

Rourke: *The Roots of American Culture*.

Capt. Dearing Praises Navy Relief Drive

The Medical Officer in Command congratulates the members of the staff and the patients on the excellent showing and the large contribution made by them to the Navy Relief fund during the period from February 1 to 15, 1945. The sum of \$2,874.78 was received by voluntary contributions, and this has been turned over to the Director of the Navy Relief Society of this station.

Capt. A. H. Dearing (MC),
U. S. N.

Organ Recitals Resumed For Patients and Staff

The popular Organ Recitals have been resumed after the recent redecoration of the Chapel. These hours of classical music are given on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 1500 and 1600.

For the especial benefit of Staff an additional recital is played 1600-1700 on Sunday.

Customer: "Remember that cheese you sold me yesterday?"
Grocer: "Yes, madam."

Customer: "Did you say it was imported or deported from Switzerland?"

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Chaplain's Corner

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Holy Alliances

"What God hath joined together let no man put asunder." This statement though made to refer specifically to the bond of holy matrimony, may apply quite as well to other things which are inseparably joined together. Let us consider, for instance, *Privilege and Responsibility*. No privilege can have value for anyone who fails to take into account the responsibilities which are sure to come with this privilege. Disregard for this principle takes away the thrill of possession and that which we cherish ceases to be "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Let us look now at the qualities of *Love and Sacrifice*. While the necessity of this combination is demonstrated before us constantly, still we disregard the relationship. No suitor was ever very persuasive in the esteem of his damsel unless he presented tokens which in themselves represented a willingness to pay many times for the affection which he courted so enthusiastically. The supreme example of the affinity of love and sacrifice comes to us when we consider God's love for humanity. When He sought to manifest His love the inevitable result was the gift of that which would cost Him most, the life of His only Son.

In this Lenten season when we perhaps will find ourselves desiring to reciprocate His love, and upon every occasion of our desire to show that we love, let us remember this principle: There can be no love without sacrifice, be it love for God, for Country, or for fellow-man.

CHAPLAIN HENRY M. LARSEN

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Jewish:

Chaplain—Solomon S. Bernards, Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.

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Navy Buys Bonds For Future Needs

A goal of 100 per cent participation in the War Bond Saving Program has been set for Oak Knoll by the Security Office. All personnel who are not now buying bonds under the allotment system are urged to do so. Supporting the program not only helps the war effort but provides cash for that postwar home and car.

The Navy family is approaching the savings goal established for it on August 1, 1941. At that time a directive and ALNAV were sent out by the Secretary of the Navy announcing the War Bond Savings program and expressing the hope that a vast number would be encouraged to invest a part of their earnings to meet future needs.

A large majority of civilians are now systematically saving substantial sums through the Payroll Savings Plan. The majority of Naval personnel are doing likewise through Bond allotments. These Navy men and women are placing their financial houses in exceptionally fine order for the future.

In 1943 the Office of the Coordinator for War Savings Bonds, with the approval of the Secretary of Navy and Fleet Admiral King, plans to keep actively before all civilians the advantages of payroll savings. It also plans to have the bond allotment system explained individually to all Navy personnel at advanced bases in the hope that at least 65 per cent of them will choose this method of saving.

With these plans in effect, it is believed that the Navy family will have saved a total of \$1,700,000,000 for its future security by the end of 1945.

Red Cross—

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troops are thrown into combat on all fronts. More and more fighting men will be returning home, some of them disabled, all of them requiring assistance in their readjustment to civilian life.

The services of the American Red Cross in this war are made possible not only by the financial contributions of all of us, but also by the personal gifts of time and energy of Americans throughout the country. There are more than 6 million volunteer workers in the United States who help generously with the various responsibilities of the organization. They produce comfort kits, make surgical dressings, provide canteen service for

Lost and Found

LOST—Lady's Blue Billfold containing valuable papers and a considerable amount of money. Please return to Out Patients' Department.

FOUND—Heavy silver ring. May be reclaimed upon identification at The Oak Leaf Office.

Citations Ceremony Honors Oak Knollers



Eleven Sailors and 18 Marines were honored during the colorful Citations Ceremony held here February 10. The Silver Star Medal was awarded to Pfc. Rex G. Adams (USMC), while Pvt. Lawrence E. Pantlin (USMCR) received the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart. The others were recipients of Citations, Commendations, and Purple Heart Medals.



Oak Knoll's improving and growing Band is shown marching during the Citation Ceremony.

disaster victims, for troops in transit and at induction centers. They staff the blood donor centers where more than 10 million pints of blood have been collected—6 pints a minute, day and night ever since Pearl Harbor! They spend whole days in assembly lines at American Red Cross packing centers preparing millions of food parcels to be shipped to our Prisoners of War.

Besides the enormous numbers of volunteer workers, there are a few over 20,000 paid workers in the United States and overseas who work side by side with the men and women in service in camp and hospitals and in every theater of war.

There are 3,757 Home Chapters of the Red Cross, covering every county of the United States.

Scuttlebutt

The most recent Ski Trip, while not to be compared to the first for romance and lurid adventures, does contribute its share of scuttlebutt . . . **Juanita Pate** fell down so often she was dubbed "Miss Horizontal" . . . **Virginia Ervin** simplified her problem by using just one ski . . . The boys were reported to have gotten so cold during the night that they got up each hour for a hot, nourishing drink of "chocolate" . . .

Lucky Luciano, the compound's seagoing policeman, has at last found a girl who can put her head on his shoulder rather than on his curly locks when they are dancing . . . Sadly enough, she is already pledged to another. . .

Captain **Magdalen Moore** of the Lake Merritt Fleet had the misfortune of ramming her ship into the shore . . . What's the matter with your crew, sweet? Didn't he learn any seagoing tactics in Boot Camp?

The Oak Leaf Marriage Council and Clinic has received thousands of questioning phone calls regarding **Bill Kerr's** marriage status. We dispatched an investigator to check marriage records around Boston back to 1620. Result: Kerr is indubitably a bachelor.

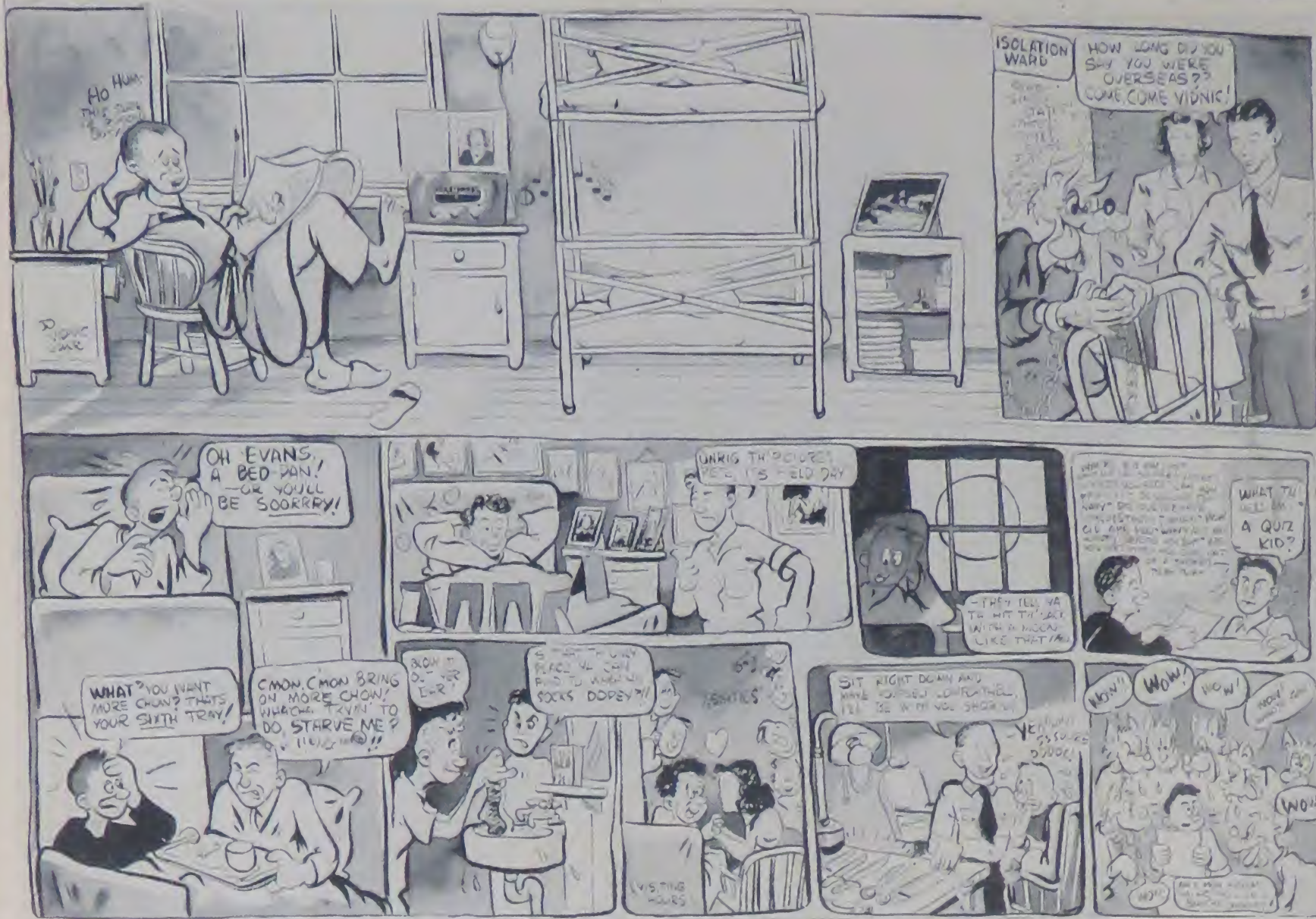
Bing did all right with Betty Hutton, but I guess he doesn't rate with our local Waves . . . **Pennington** and **Reba** were standing at a corner in Hollywood recently when Crosby in a long, low car pulled up and offered them a lift. "No, thank you," murmured the paralyzed Pennington, "We're waiting for a cab!"

Recruit Quotas Enlarged In Hospital Corps Schools

Recruit quotas for Hospital Corps indoctrination training have been jumped to 516 a week beginning 3 March, it was announced by Lt. Comdr. Edward G. Dennis (HC) USN, Hospital Corps Personnel Officer, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

As a result the period of instruction will be reduced from the current 16 weeks to 9 weeks. The increase will more than double the number of hospital corpsmen completing the basic course. Current graduates average 220 weekly.





Pfc. John W. Vidnic, 21-year-old Marine patient on Ward 63B, is the artist of the above clever commentary on hospital life. A veteran of 20 months' duty aboard the Aircraft Carrier, USS Lexington, he participated in the ship's heroic career from the Gilberts campaign through the Philippine action. A Riverside, California resident, his only art training was taken in the high school and junior college there.

Station Bowlers Beat Specialists

Oak Knoll's Station Bowling Team successfully upheld the honor of the compound against the challenge of the recently arrived Athletic Specialists by trouncing them soundly, 2732 to 2519, on February 14.

The Station Team's consistently smooth bowling was featured by Dr. Harris with a three-game total of 581. The scores of the other team members were: Smith, 503; King, 554; Peklewski, 573; Winters, 531.

For the Specialists, Felix led with a 524, followed by Haynie's 522. Other members of the team scored as follows: Reakes, 485; Kieswalter, 507; Raupp, 481.

King's 214 took the honors for the day as the single high game.



"WE ALL WON'T TOUCH AN ALLOTMENT UNTIL YOU ALL STANT USING GENERAL LEE'S PICTUAM ON THE WAH BOND!"

Ball Teams Plan For New Season

Lt. J. W. Carey, Welfare and Recreation Officer, announces that Oak Knoll will have both Softball and Baseball teams this coming season, in addition to WAVE and Nurse Softball teams. Mr. Carey states that he expects these teams to win additional laurels to augment those garnered last season.

Those who were here last season will remember that the men's Softball team played for the championship of the 12th Naval District, only to be nosed out in the final game. This same team, however, did win the Class C division championship in the Oakland City League. The WAVES and Nurses also played heads up ball to win a majority of their games.

Anyone attached to the station is eligible to play on these teams, whether they be staff or patients. Those interested in participating should contact John Concannon at the postoffice or Kent Robison of Welfare and Recreation. Announcement will be made on the bulletin boards when practice will begin.

The station policy is to keep all positions open at all times to the best player for the job. Because of this Oak Knoll has had and will continue to have hustling, winning teams.

He: Do you neck?
She: That's my business.
He: At last—a professional.

Pharmacist's Mate Earns Degree During Sea Duty

Theodore Solomon, PhM2c, came ashore from extended sea duty aboard a baby flatop with a Bachelor of Science degree received last August from Tulane University. The degree was earned through USAFI courses studied for 7 months and reached Solomon in the European theater.

MOIPHY

by Penberthy



"Don't be alarmed, Moiphy . . . Doc just misplaced his watch!"

In Your Opinion

"What is your favorite liberty town?"

Olympia B. Tavolario, HA1c:

"I like San Francisco because it is a more cosmopolitan city. The scenery, the beach and all the outdoor and indoor sports available appeal to me very much."

George T. Holston Jr., AEM2c:

"I prefer Hayward because of the plentitude of female companionship available there. My Texas line retails well there and the people are very congenial."

Evelyn A. Wasley, PhM3c:

"San Francisco is the town for me. There are more places to go, more things to do, and swell night spots, such as 'The Gay Nineties.'"

Van Remortel, HA2c:

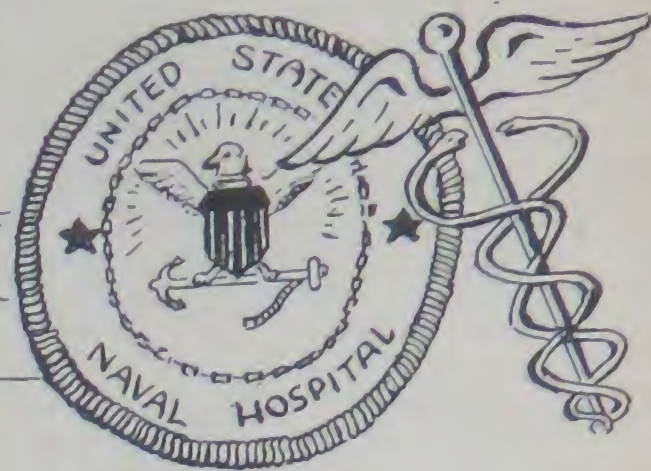
"I prefer San Jose mainly because I have a girl there. It is a pretty little town and we go for long hikes. Also, the people are very hospitable."

"C" Team Edges Out Vallejo by 45-40

Oak Knoll's "C" team continued to show improvement by taking the nod over the USN Barracks, NAD, Vallejo, in a fast, hard game, 45-40, on February 19. Previous to that, on February 15, they had temporarily relapsed into their losing way by taking a trimming from the Anti-Aircraft Training Center, Point Montera, 41-32.

Exhausted, perhaps by their gruelling victory over the Naval Supply Depot, 48 to 46, of the week before, the "B" squad fell before the Beach Busters of Albany on February 13 by a 35 to 27 score.

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Functions, Aims of Red Cross Drive Are Explained

Because President Roosevelt has designated the month of March in the national calendar as Red Cross month for the annual War Fund Drive, we all hear many questions being asked about the history, organization and financing of the Red Cross. Here are the answers to some of your questions:

What Is the Origin of the Red Cross Movement?

The great world-wide humanitarian movement symbolized by the Red Cross began in 1862. The spark that started the fire was a report describing the unnecessary suffering and waste of human lives on the battlefield of Solferino, written by an eyewitness Swiss citizen, Henri Dunant. In an open letter to the governments of the belligerent countries he begged for recognition of "some international principle which should serve as a basis for the relief of the wounded in different countries in Europe." A diplomatic conference at Geneva in 1864 resulted in the signing of the Geneva Convention, also called Treaty of Geneva.

When Did the United States Sign the Treaty of Geneva?

In March, 1882.

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Hospital Papers Praised For Morale Function

Two newcomers to the growing ranks of hospital newspapers are *The Anodyne* at USNH, Navy Yard (Charleston, S. C.), and *TPR* at USNH, Fort Eustis, Lee Hall, Va.

A plug for the job that hospital papers do was given in *The Stethoscope*, USNH, Seattle, Wash., by the hospital's skipper, Capt. J. T. Boone (MC), USN. Captain Boone wrote that *The Stethoscope* "is one of the most important factors of morale at this hospital and contributes inestimably to the hospital's welfare as well as creates a bond of mutual interest." The skipper said in addition that "we feel sure that with the passing of time, the value of a staff publication will become more and more evident."

These Girls Collected the Dough



Part of the success of the recent Navy Relief Drive can be attributed to these Waves, who together accounted for almost a thousand dollars. Left to right: Charlene Porter, Nan Ginter, Norma Entrikin, Martha Emerick and Ann Brown. Marilyn Masson, the sixth member of this group, was in Sick Bay at the time the picture was taken.

Oak Knoll Hospital Plays Host to Alameda County Medical Group

Captain A. H. Dearing, Medical Officer in Command at U. S. Naval Hospital, and members of his staff, acted as hosts on Monday evening, February 19, when the Alameda County Medical Association held its monthly meeting.

A varied program of technical talks, illustrated by moving pic-



Left to right: Dr. Dorothy Allen, Captain Dearing, Dr. Harry Templeton, pres., Alameda County Medical Assn.

tures and slides, was given at 8:15, following dinner in the staff officers' mess.

Introductory remarks by Captain Dearing opened the program, and topics pertinent to care of the wounded were discussed by Oak Knoll medical officers as follows: "Management of Extensive Shrapnel Wound of the Abdomen with Multiple Small and Large Bowel Fistulae"—Capt. W. H. Bueermann, MC-V(S)USNR; "Rectovesical Fistula"—Capt. Lloyd R. Reynolds, MC-V(S)USNR; "Treatment of a Compound Fracture of the Elbow Joint by Resection"—Cmdr. Jesse T. Nicholson, MC-V(S)USNR; "Plastic Repair of Extensive Wound of the Face"—Cmdr. Paul W. Greeley, MC-V(S)USNR; "Bullet Wound of Chest—Spontaneous Healing of Bronchial Cutaneous Fistula"—Lieut. Gerald L. Crenshaw, MC-V(S)USNR; and "Problems of Secondary Nerve Suture"—Lieut. (jg) Kenneth E. Livingston, MC-V(S)USNR.

Details of the dinner meeting were handled by a committee of three officers.

Overseas Editor Sends News From Pacific Front

PhMlc Vincent W. Cassidy, a former associate editor of *The Oak Leaf*, can now be termed the paper's first foreign correspondent. The popular Irishman, now stationed in the Marianas, sends us the following notes from his advanced base:



V. W. Cassidy

"According to the latest Radio Tokyo dispatch, this island was supposed to have been blasted into the ocean. It's a lie! I'd be off to an inauspicious start as your foreign correspondent if the Japanese war machine proved to be as potent and well organized as its propaganda.

"Tokyo Rose, as our boys affectionately call her, is an innovation in radio commentating. (I'd list a few of the other names the boys call her, but I'm afraid it would cause a splash on the linotype machine.) Her sonorous voice, plus her mixed British and Nipponese accent, would warrant her a choice position in Hollywood as a vocalist in a Disney production. Unfortunately, she's forced to advertise the Japanese Empire.

"She sounds even less convincing than the announcers who do the commercials on soap operas back home. In fact, she could get some helpful hints from those programs. Instead of her usual boring monologue, she could inject

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Navy Relief Society Expresses Thanks

The Navy Relief Society wishes to express its deep appreciation of the splendid support given by the Staff and Patients of this hospital in the annual drive for funds. Over \$2,874 was collected at the hospital. It is our hope that the Society will always justify your evidence of faith.

Mrs. C. W. Nimitz.
A. T. L. Armstrong, Lt. ChC.

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• Will We Forget Them?

The papers tell us the Iwo Beach struggle is the "toughest Marine battle in 168 years." Hospitals like ours will soon see what this means. But, in a broader perspective, what does it mean?

Prior to Pearl Harbor, Americans were relatively unconcerned about the deplorable conditions that existed in the Orient, Europe, and South America. We had our own problems. Yes, but they were as nothing in comparison with the poverty and chaos of Italy, Japan, Spain, India, Poland, and other sore spots of the world.

Now we are paying for Monroe Doctrines and other isolationist policies. The Marines are paying—plenty.

It is tragic to bear the pain, then lose what it was sent to teach us. There is great danger that the suffering of Iwo will soon lose any constructive value. Idealists will insist that America continue its pre-war isolationism—contending that the land of the free must remain untainted by foreign entanglements. Likewise, cynics, who acknowledge no law beyond the national interest, will try to maneuver our government into a position of irresponsibility in the world community of nations.

For those who have paid the last full measure of devotion on Iwo, our heads are bowed. We honor them. But we know that they are not interested in the medals we place on their graves. They are only concerned that we pay whatever price is necessary to build an enduring peace. Their dream is a United States of the World—not a United States apart from the world. And their dream is our job.

—H. P.

Off the Bookshelf

Many outstanding novels of 1944 were by new authors, rather than the old favorites. The Library has the following novels, which you may have missed:

Historical Novels

Judah: *Tom Bone*. (Slave trading in England and the new world.)

McNeilly: *Heaven Is Too High*. (Russian pioneering in Alaska, from 1790 to 1810.)

Mally: *The Mocking Bird Is Singing*. (19th century American business men.)

Mudgett: *The Seas Stand Watch*. (A New England sea captain after the Revolution.)

Pennell: *The History of Rome Hanks*. (Civil War.)

Perkins: *The Emperor's Physician*. (Two physicians who met Jesus of Nazareth.)

Winsor: *Forever Amber*. (Restoration.)

Novels on Social Problems

Carter: *The Winds of Fear*. (The Negro.)

Halsey: *Some of My Best Friends Are Soldiers*. (The Negro and the Jew.)

Pope: *Colcorton*. (The Negro.)

Smith: *Strange Fruit*. (The Negro.)

Lost and Found

LOST—Sheaffer Lifetime Pen; probably in X-ray or 41B. Please return to Oak Leaf Office.

LOST—Parker Fountain Pen, black and white stripes and no top. Please return to Ens. E. R. Boyce, Ward 47B. Reward.

FOUND—Brown Leather Folder containing family photographs. Contact Oak Leaf Office.

Regional Novels

Bright: *The Life and Death of Little Jo*. (New Mexico.)

McNichols: *Crazy Weather*. (Mojave Indians.)

Murphy: *The Glittering Hill*. (Butte, Montana.)

Ogilvie: *High Tide at Noon*. (Maine.)

War Novels

Brown: *A Walk in the Sun*. (Fighting in Italy.)

Hersey: *A Bell for Adano*. (The Army in Italy.)

Skidmore: *Valley in the Sky*. (Story of a bomber.)

Wakeman: *Shore Leave*. (Flyers on leave in San Francisco.)

Library Hours: 0800 to 2100; Sundays, 1200 to 2100.

Still wanted: A patient to take care of the library aquarium.

Educational Services

Selecting a Career?

A new series of career monographs have been loaned by the library to supplement the vocational guidance materials presently available at the Educational Services Office. These monographs contain the required qualifications and a summary of the pros and cons of a wide variety of careers such as Journalism, Hotel Management, Dairy Farming and Salesmanship.



Time On Your Hands?

Also now available are work experience kits in radio and electricity. New self-study and correspondence courses include calculus, American history, air navigation and economic geography.

Is There a Tutor in the House?

Needed are volunteer Math., English, Language, Radio, etc., tutors for individual work on the wards and in the Educational Services classrooms. Come to the Educational Offices for further details.

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Chaplain's Corner

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What Are You Good For?"

"There goes a good man." How often we heard those words as our parents pointed out some person as an example for our lives. The trouble was that we later learned that these ideal persons had feet of clay. They, too, did wrong. Some of us became bitter. Others learned that there is a true critical approach to goodness. Jesus taught that critical approach when He said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, neither can a bad tree bear good fruit." Therefore it follows that nothing is good in itself. It must be good for something. What are you good for?

A person is not good because of what he does not do. For example, a man once said he was a Christian. His proof of the fact was that he did not drink, smoke, swear, or commit adultery. A friend told him, "Your goodness is based on what you do not do. Then you are good for nothing."

There have been people who were really good—good because of what they did. They were good for something. We shall no longer judge a man by negative rules. The ten "don'ts" of the commandments are transcended by the two "do's" of Christ—"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God," and "Thou shalt love thy fellow man."

—CHAPLAIN ARMSTRONG.

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Hats Off To . . .

Lt. Kay Hyde, H(S)USNR

Lt. Kay Hyde, H(S)USNR., whose office is in 70B, belongs to one of the most select professions in the world, that of Medical Illustrating. This art, a valuable adjunct to Medicine, Surgery, and Dentistry, is practiced by perhaps less than 100 trained specialists in the United States.

A San Franciscan, Miss Hyde was graduated from the University of California, where she majored in Zoology. A natural talent for drawing, plus a year of study in Medical Illustration at Johns Hopkins, completed her preparation for this work.

After a number of years as Medical Illustrator at the University of California, Miss Hyde worked with Dr. C. L. Callander on a textbook on Surgical Anatomy, now a standard textbook on the subject. A year at the University of London and free lance work in Los Angeles preceded her naval career, which began in September of 1942 as a Lt. (jg).

When she reported to Bethesda Naval Hospital after indoctrination at Smith College, Lt. Hyde had the distinction of being one of the first two WAVES assigned to naval hospitals. She came to Oak Knoll in August, 1943.

Miss Hyde's work has appeared in hundreds of periodicals and books, ranging from Corps School Manuals to the Journal of the American Medical Society. Her hobbies, aside from her work which engrosses her most of the time, are etching and sculpturing.

Hats off to Miss Hyde, who combines science and art so effectively, for the valuable work she is doing!

This Marine Lieutenant Built a Better Flytrap

WASHINGTON, D. C. (HCQNS) —Marines "who were constantly harassed and tortured by poisonous flies and insects" owe thanks to Lt. John C. Geyer H(S) USNR., according to Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Lieutenant Geyer designed a prefabricated flytrap accepted as general issue for the Marine Corps and earned a letter of commendation from General Vandegrift. He is presently on duty in the Preventive Medicine Division, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

Red Cross—

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When Was the Red Cross Organized?

In July, 1881, Miss Clara Barton was the first president.

Who Directs the Red Cross?

A Central Committee of 18 members who serve without compensation. Six are appointed by the President of the United States: the National Chairman, and five members representing the United States Departments of State, War, Navy, Treasury, and Justice. Twelve are elected: six by Chapter delegates (a Chapter is the local unit of Red Cross), and six by the incorporators (a group of 65 men and women of note who serve without compensation).

The work of the National organization is carried on from headquarters in Washington, D. C., and five area offices. Chapters are directed by governing boards and officers elected by the local membership. Chapter and field offices in the camps and hospitals are staffed by professional paid personnel, assisted by many volunteers.

How Much Did Red Cross Spend For All Services During the 12 Months to February 28, 1945?

\$188,165,000.

What Were the Main Items Of Expenditure Last Year?

Assistance to 4,850,000 service men, ex-service men and their families	\$31,100,000
Service in 1117 Army and Navy camps and stations in combat zones	29,925,000
Service in 782 Army and Navy hospitals at home and abroad	19,500,000
727 clubs overseas for service men	13,035,000
Blood Donor Service	4,065,000
1,047,896 loans and grants to service men and women	3,565,000
Emergency morale supplies for men in combat zones and hospitals	2,480,000
Service to United States prisoners of war	1,200,000
Foreign war relief for civilian war sufferers	6,055,000
Production Corps (surgical dressings, garments) and other Volunteer Special Services (Canteen Corps, Motor Corps, Gray Ladies, Nurse's Aide, etc.)	9,600,000
68,000 persons aided in 259 disasters in the United States	2,295,000

How Much Is Needed for The Next 12 Months of All Red Cross Services?

\$200,000,000

Give through the Red Cross to your buddy, your family, your unknown friend in need.

"Foxhole Midget" Result of South Pacific Experiences

Commander A. J. Wineland poses with his portable anesthesia machine.

When Cmdr. A. J. Wineland (MC)S USNR reported aboard after almost two years of overseas duty, Oak Knoll obtained not only a Chief Anesthesiologist but a talented inventor as well. His portable anesthetic machine saw extensive and invaluable service in the South Pacific.

Cmdr. Wineland has the following to say about the machine:

"The anesthetic machine shown here has been named 'The Foxhole Midget' by Dr. Richard Foregger of New York, who designed and made it in accordance with my suggestions. Its concept was initiated by my experience in the active area with the Marines.

"Its total weight is eighteen pounds which is much more easily portable than the machine I previously carried, which weighed thirty-seven pounds. With this machine all methods of gas inhalation anesthesia may be administered for surgical needs. Anesthesia equivalent to all other types of machines, portability and simplicity of mechanical operation are its special features.

A graduate of the Indiana University School of Medicine, Cmdr. Wineland took his Anesthesiology at St. Vincent's Hospital in In-

dianapolis, Indiana. He served as instructor in this subject at the University of Wisconsin and, previous to his Naval career, practiced as Anesthesiologist in Los Angeles since 1930.

A veteran of World War I, Cmdr. Wineland entered the reserve in 1936 as a full Lieutenant with a V(S) rating in Anesthesiology. According to the District Medical Officer who swore him in, he was the first and only medical officer in the Navy having a specialty rating in that field.

Cmdr. Wineland has had an active and varied career since he reported for active duty October 29, 1941. As Chief of the Department of Anesthesiology for Lion 1 Base Hospital he trained 14 selected corpsmen and two medical officers for this department before going overseas.

His foreign duty began February 26, 1943, and in October of 1943 he was assigned to Surgical Specialists Unit No. 1 SoPac Area, under the command of Captain A. H. Dearing (MC) USN. He saw action in the Northern Solomons campaigns and later served with Fleet Hospital 107 in this area.



Department Doctors Damaged Dogs



PhM3c Arnold Kratter (left) and PhM3c Anthony Motto are Oak Knoll's Podiatrists.

The Foot Department came into existence at Oak Knoll on May 16, 1944, with the cooperation and guidance of Drs. Nicholson and Fralick, and the presence on the compound of two graduates of Long Island University's Institute of Podiatry—Anthony Motto, PhM3/c, and Arnold Kratter, PhM3/c. Before their entrance into service, these men served as clinicians on the staff of the Foot Clinic of New York.

The Department is located in Building No. 2, Physical Therapy, in Room No. 9, and since its inception, 2,652 patients have been treated.

Various foot lesions are treated, including corns, callouses, verrucae (warts), Dermatophytoses, ingrown nails and the peripheral vascular foot manifestations. Arch supports, foot braces and all types of felt padding work are constructed, making use of the excellent facilities of the Brace Shop.

In addition to the above work, Weak Foot and Postural Classes are held many times daily, instructing patients with regard to proper body mechanics and weight distribution, when walking and standing.

Bed patients requiring foot care are treated on the wards upon the request of the Ward Medical Officer. Of special importance for these men is the care of nails and the maintenance of the strength of the foot muscles while confined to bed.

The following prophylactic foot measures are suggested so that foot disabilities can be prevented or minimized:

1. Bathe feet daily. Keep them dry. Use a good foot powder.
2. Cut nails straight across—NOT round and NOT too short.
3. Give immediate attention to all wounds, blisters, skin eruptions, etc.

4. Avoid the use of strong medicines or sharp instruments on the feet. This will help prevent serious infection.
5. Exercise the feet and expose them frequently to the air and sunshine.
6. Wear correct shoes that are properly fitted. Pay particular attention to the heel to ball measurement as well as the heel to toe measurement.
7. Change shoes and hose often. This will help relieve fatigue and excessive perspiration.
8. Avoid run-over heels, wrinkles in hose or shoe inner-linings and other creases which may cause friction or pressure.

Treatment is available for all patient personnel, hospital personnel, and out-patients suffering from foot disorders.

Scuttlebutt

The situation in X-ray has been very fluid of late . . . Some of the old toppers took pink-cheeked Swartz out recently to teach him the wicked ways of the world . . . He managed to get them home safely . . . But you haven't met the champ, son, until you toe the brass rail with that dyed-in-the-wool Democrat, Dunn. . . .

Who's "The Woman in the Window?" Ask Jackson, he knows. . .

Broderick's love life has left for overseas duty, and he is very sad . . . Perhaps now he can Harden himself to the sight of autopsies. . .

Who was the dummy, Reser?

"Wolf" Crowley, the prowling anthropoid of Surgery 1, tiring of school teachers, has decided to turn his lupine talents on the Waves. . . Lucky girls . . . Right, Lillian? . . .

Edmond thinks a pretty girl is like a melody . . . and melodies always put him to sleep. . .

"B" Squad Loses To T. I., Mare Is.

The jinx that has haunted the "B" squad continued to hold its sway as the Oak Knollers dropped a tough one to the Training and Distribution Center at T. I. by a score of 36-35 on February 20. Simpson, with 11 and Jones with 10 led the scoring for the losers.

On February 23 the Ship Repair Unit at Mare Island added another to the row of shellackings absorbed by the "B" squad, winning, 46-40. Richards did yeoman work for our team in this game, ringing up 13 points.

The "C" team turned its attention meanwhile to the local talent supplied by the Internes and won handily by 29 to 21. Lt. (jg) Kuttlow starred for the losers, his 12 points being more than half the total the Internes were able to score against the tight defense of the "C" squad.

Cassidy—

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new life into it with 'Will the Villainous Americans crush the heroic Japanese in the Philippines? Will the B-29's come out of their hives and sting Tokyo again tonight? Tune in tomorrow night for the next thrilling adventure of the Vanishing Jap!'

"This is an actual experience of two Marines in a foxhole up in the front lines. The Japs were entrenched only a few yards away. The Marines were trying to taunt the Japs out into the open by making disparaging remarks about Tojo. The Japs would counter with one about Roosevelt. Finally, one Marine yelled, 'You haven't anything to lose if you come out; at least you won't have to eat rice any more.' A Jap yelled back, 'We may eat lice, but we no have to eat SPAM.' The Marine was stymied!"

In Your Opinion

"If you were present at the peace conference what would you say as the representative of the GI's?"

Arthur M. Lang, HA2c:

"I would advocate a permanent and enduring peace based and predicated upon social justice for all people regardless of race, color, or creed."

Emmalou Watson, PhM2c:

"The foundation for world peace must this time be of impregnable substance. I am inclined to agree with Sen. Vandenberg's theory that the Allies negotiate treaties at once to guarantee the world against a repetition of militarism. In the last war the Allies considered each other not as partners, but as arbiters. This time our coalition must not dissolve."

Leonard D. Moise, HA2c:

"The most important problem is the maintenance of peace and my idea is to have the United States and her Allies keep an Army and Navy of sufficient size to enforce peace. People must realize that they are citizens of the world as well as of their own countries."

Otto H. Maag, PhM3c:

"Free beer and a five cent cigar."

Sanges and Peklewsky Win Pin Tournament

Peklewsky's 590 and Sanges' 632 were enough to cop top honors in the Station Doubles Bowling Tournament held here February 19-23. Their 1222 total was followed by Haynie and Reakes, who took second honors with 1207.

Third place went to Winters and Lather who toppled 1171 pins. King and Reakes followed with a total of 1151, while fifth place went to Felix and Lucas with 1118.

Sanges made the high triple score with his 632, closely followed by Winters' 630. High single game honors went to Reakes with 245.

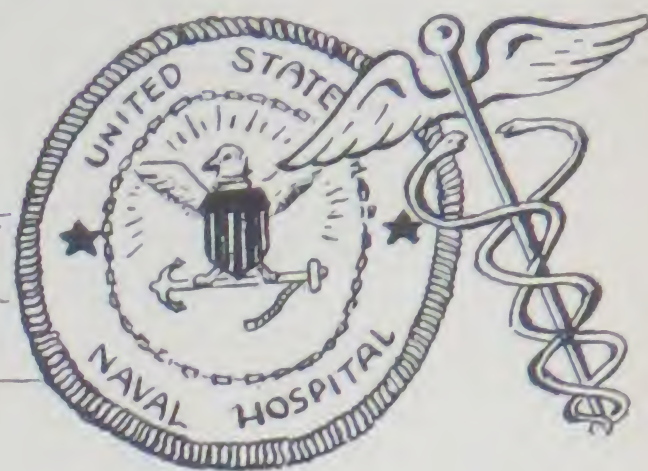
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"Confidentially, I've a sneaking suspicion he's lying."

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"SURVEYS OF '45" SMASH HIT



Top, left to right: Martha Emerick sings, Jo Grimm and Wallace Prather form a duet, Reeda Magzamim dances, and Evelyn Hanson croons a ballad. Center: Oak Knoll's Rhythm Doctors. Grow strips for some acrobatic action, and Florello and Carona collaborate on accordions. Below: Larry Lumberg poses in an appropriate frame, two chiefs meet, and Jane Evans leads the chorus in song.

Evoking a storm of applause unequalled by any recent visiting stage show, Oak Knoll's own "Surveys of 1945" on the evening of Friday, March 2, went on to prove that they could more than match the best efforts of imported professionals. Pretty girls, comic skits, music, singing and dancing—the show had all of these, tied together by the deft and master-

ful personality of Larry Lumberg. After a whirlwind opening ensemble number, "Meet the People," had set the tempo, the show swung into action with Rudy Fiorello and Pat Carona doing some fancy accordion playing. Evelyn Hanson warbled effectively and did a neat duet with Marine Dees, after which a change of pace was afforded by a skit on the home life of Chiefs.

Marjorie Josephson's angular charms coupled with a ditty from "Oklahoma" and something about trolley cars furnished much hilarity. Martha Emerick's sweet sending of meaningful songs found a receptive and enthralled audience. Reeda Magzamim pleased with her terpsichorean charms.

A Sick Bay skit, Nielson's "Sintatra" and "Colona," and Grow's

gymnastics kept up both the furious pace and the caliber of the show, after which Jane Evans and her fine chorus took over. Much applauded was the work of this group, especially the charming duets provided by Jo Grimm and Wallace Prather.

Undoubted hits of the show were "Slivka's Corn Huskers," five sail-

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● Morale

Morale is high where individual personalities are encouraged to grow. When a corpsman treats a patient like a friend, or when an officer treats an enlisted man as a person, there is good morale.

But here is the rub: it is necessary in a Navy, for the common welfare, that there be external discipline. There is not always time for individual explanations.

No amount of punishment can make a man enjoy this impersonal way of life. It can only succeed in making him comply with orders. But here are some things that everyone on the compound can do to boost morale:

- (1) Instead of walking around like you have lost your last friend, extend a cheery word of greeting to folks you see on the compound. Simple? Yes, and effective when sincere.
- (2) Change the subject to something better when the conversation drops to the level of griping about illness, the weather, the chow, civilians, and people we don't get along with. Get interested in *something* worth while to talk about.
- (3) Encourage singing and other attempts, however amateurish, at artistic-achievement.
- (4) Treat people like *persons*, not *stuff*. This may involve a change in sex relationships, in relationships with officers, and in relationships with men of other races. But it is sound, and practical.

Morale is a spiritual sort of thing. It demands that we be good-humored, that we take time to live, and that we sow seeds of democracy even in a war machine. How's your morale? —H. P.

Off the Bookshelf

Either your home state newspapers or one from your section of the country are to be found in the hospital library. The library receives the Sunday editions of the following:

Atlanta Constitution.
Baltimore Sun.
Boston Herald.
Chicago Tribune.
Cleveland Plain Dealer.
Denver Post.
Detroit Free Press.
Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Houston Chronicle.
Los Angeles Times.
Louisville Courier-Journal.
Minneapolis Star-Journal.
New Orleans Times-Picayune.
New York Herald-Tribune.
New York Times.
Philadelphia Inquirer.
Pittsburgh Press.
St. Louis Globe-Democrat.
San Diego Union.
Seattle Post-Intelligencer.
Washington Evening Star.

The Honolulu paper is usually about two weeks late in arriving, and the others several days later than the date of publication, since many come from several thousand miles away.

Red Cross Drive Needs Your Help

Captain Dearing says in a recent station order: "The contributions to the Red Cross War Fund are voluntary. The money will make possible a continuation of the many services rendered by the Red Cross to Naval and Military personnel and their families. To cite only one example: the value of the Red Cross food parcels in keeping our countrymen alive in Japanese prison camps should stimulate everyone to contribute. All hands are urged to give something, large or small, in accordance with their ability and the dictates of their conscience.

"All officers on duty at this hospital, and all civilian employees here, including those in Red Cross and Ship's Service, will be personally interviewed by proper representatives to solicit their donations. . . . Pharmacist T. K. Singleton (HC), USNR, (Provost Marshal's Office, 280), will be in charge of the drive."

All staff officers and staff enlisted personnel and all civilian employees are asked to give their contributions to the representatives in their respective departments.

Three Prisoners of Japanese Now Oak Knoll Patients

Three sailors, fresh from the horrors of more than two and a half years in Jap prison camps, are now patients at Oak Knoll. They are TM1c Wendell D. Thompson, USN, GM3c George T. Tarkanish, USN, and CMM Fern Boaz, USN.

Rescued by Rangers

Already much improved in health by good care and an adequate diet since the memorable day they were rescued by the 6th Army Rangers behind Jap lines at Camp 1 Cabanatuan, they confirmed the stories of mistreatment and sadism at the hands of Jap soldiers.

Beatings Common

Wendell Thompson, 6' 1", whose weight fell to 122 pounds, told of the systematic malnutrition and irrational beatings they all suffered. "The Jap soldier," he said, "has a tremendous inferiority complex and is cocky through ignorance." He found, however, among the better educated a general recognition of the fact that Japan would eventually be defeated.

Stocky George Tarkanish, who

labored for 19 months with a pick and shovel building a Jap airfield, reported that a full day of hard work was expected of all, with the penalty for sickness or weakness being a beating with clubs.

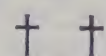
Due to malnutrition and weakness, Fern Boaz became paralyzed on one side. A knife thrust through his leg by a Jap guard was the proof used before he was excused from work.

Praise Filipinos

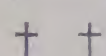
All three praised the help and attitude of the Filipinos. "The Filipinos couldn't do much for us, but they sure tried," says Thompson. "They'd have fed us and gone hungry if they were allowed."

Camp 1 Cabanatuan, where all three were imprisoned at the time of their rescue, at one time housed 9,000 prisoners. At the time of their rescue there were only 511, the rest having died or been shipped to Japan.

"About the best looking country we ever expected to see," was their universal comment on being back in the States. After treatment here, the three men will receive extended leaves at home.



Chaplain's Corner



Foxhole Faith

Foxhole "converts" are prone to throw away the rabbit's foot when they crawl back to top soil: for, the motive of fear is often a very selfish and un-Christian stimulus and it seldom sustains. (Occasionally, however, a crisis does shake people back to their senses.)

The Sailor or Marine who fails to see religion as *whatever one lives by* is pretty apt to separate whatever Godly experience he may have had in the crisis from his every-day life. Unknowingly, *he fashions his own gods* by letting the guideposts of his life be the fascinating momentary experiences of thrills and intoxications.

There are patients—also nurses—also doctors—who are so superficial in their understanding of life that living becomes a continuous effort to escape from reality. They are the blind who fail to see life as a whole, fail to see the connection between the physical and the spiritual, fail even to appreciate the fact that many people die because their spirits are frustrated by basic cross purposes.

Blessed is the man whose master motive is Christ, and who has surrendered himself, not as the foxhole "convert" but as that soldier whose poem was blown into a trench in Tunisia:

"Help me, O God, when death is near
To mock the haggard face of fear,
That when I fall—if fall I must—
My soul may triumph in the dust."

Eternal life is not a quantity, but a quality of life—a fellowship with Christ.

CHAPLAIN HOWARD PITTS:

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.
Sunday: Morning Worship—0930.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Vespers—1800.
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.
Discussion Group (alternating Mondays and Tuesdays in Chapel)—1730.
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplains—R. V. Cronin, J. P. Corley.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830 and 1100.
Weekday Mass—0650 and 1640.
Confessions—Daily, before Mass; Saturdays at 1900; on the Thursday before each first Friday at 1900.
Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—Solomon S. Bernards.
Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1300. Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.

Saturday, 10 March, 1945



Donor Finds It No Pain or Strain To Give Blood

A recent visitor to the Blood Bank (the phone number is 235) has written this brief account of the experience. Let us know if yours is any different.—The Editor.

This morning I gave, for the first time, a pint of blood. Going without breakfast makes one feel a bit heroic about it all. I thought of the men over there. Yeah, they'd want me to do it.

At 0830 I reported to Miss Feezor in the Marine Detachment Building and she asked me the routine questions: "Have you a cold? Ever have fainting spells?" and so on. Then my blood was sampled, the pressure taken, and my heart examined. Now we were ready to go. Those questions the nurse had asked started turning over in my mind: does it leave one dizzy? I climbed aboard the high, white bed, lay down, doubled my fist, relaxed, and let 'em have it. The blood came easily from the vein in my arm and into the bottle below. All so simple, it was over in no time. And the needle hadn't hurt. Actually, it had been fun. . . .

Then came a pleasant surprise. A thick, juicy sandwich—sliced tomatoes, meat, and everything—was placed before me. And now, a cup of piping hot coffee. I returned to my job, did a full day's work, and wondered: Why don't more people try it?

First WAVES Leave for Overseas Assignments

The first contingent of Oak Knoll WAVES bound for overseas duty are now in the process of being detached for short leaves home before reporting to Shoemaker, March 24th.

The group consists of PhM1c Mildred Montgomery, PhM2c Norma EntriKin, PhM3c Jo Grimm, PhM3c Maxine Allen, and SK3c Lois Harden.

The hospital is proud of these girls and wishes them a successful tour of duty abroad.

Russ Morgan Is Host at 1st '45 Outdoor Show

With the full cooperation of the weather, Russ Morgan brought his fast and tuneful show to the amphitheatre on Feb. 28 to provide the first outdoor entertainment of the year. His appearance was particularly fitting in that his band also had the honor of appearing at the opening of the \$28,000 structure last year.

A melodic assortment of today's hits plus yesterday's favorites presented by the band were coupled with the warbling of his two soloists. The nimble-fingered Russ added his bit at the piano.

The petite and winsome Marjorie Lee sang a number of songs, including the established favorite, "Begin the Beguine" and collaborated with Al Jennings on others.

From the opening strains of his theme, "Does Your Heart Beat for Me?" to the closing "So Long," Russ Morgan and his crew provided a well-paced, capable show.

Nurses Give \$1,058 To Navy Relief Drive

The Nurses contributed the grand total of \$1,058 to the recent Navy Relief Drive rather than the \$925 previously announced. Lt. (jg) M. E. Wilhelm and Lt. (jg) V. R. Hoyt were in charge of this record-making drive. It is rumored that the Nurses may equal this showing in the current Red Cross campaign.

Nurse Corps Applications Reach 175 Per Day

Testifying before the House Military Affairs Committee on the so-called "nurse draft" bill (HR 1284), Rear Admiral W. J. C. Agnew (MC), USN, Acting Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, declared that "the Navy is not expecting the acute difficulties of procurement of nurses which is facing the Army."

Admiral Agnew favored the proposed bill but urged that the system of voluntary recruiting as practiced in the Navy Nurse Corps, be retained in any legislation passed. He revealed that Navy Nurse Corps applications have leaped to an average of 175 a day.

Civil Readjustment Informs Men of Rights, Benefits

A little publicized but very busy department on the compound is the Civil Readjustment Office, located topside the Marine Detachment Building, under the able supervision of W. C. Hawke, Lt. (j.g.).

The functions of the department are to acquaint service men and service women, who have been surveyed for discharge, with their rights and benefits as veterans and to help with their personal problems relative to leaving the service.

Each dischargee is scheduled for appointments with the United States Employment Service, Insurance Officer, Educational Services, Veterans' Administration Representative, Red Cross Representative and the Civil Readjustment Officer. In addition surveyed Marines contact S/Sgt. D. K. Summerville of the Marine Rehabilitation Service.

The Discharge Office is now located alongside the Civil Readjustment Office and is also under the supervision of Mr. Hawke, with the assistance of Chief Pharm. A. V. Brock, USN.

Miss Harriet Paris, in charge of the Transcript desk, has also moved into the Civil Readjustment Office.

New Telephone Center Opened in Oakland

A new Public Telephone Center for the convenience of service personnel has been opened at 435 13th Street, Oakland. The center is open from 1000 to 2200 daily and operating attendants are on duty to place long distance calls and make change.

Twenty booths are available and other conveniences include out-of-town telephone directories and comfortable accommodations for patrons while awaiting the completion of calls.

NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICE

People who desire the services of a Notary Public will be interested to know that there is one on the station. Miss Claire Martini acts in this capacity and is to be found in the Civil Readjustment Office, topside Marine Detachment Building.

In Your Opinion

"Do you think WAVES should become a permanent part of the Navy?"

Lillyan Reba, PhM2c:

"Yes, because there are jobs they can do more efficiently than men, such as clerical work and ward duty. For another thing, they will be needed after the war to keep the Navy up to its projected post-war strength."

C. E. Bump, CPhM:

"No!! Women can't go to sea and that's what the Navy is—a seagoing service. It's still a man's Navy."

F. M. Matthews, CPhM:

"Some should, if they are adaptable to the service. But not all women are adaptable. In peacetime they can be properly selected as to their aptitude for naval service."

Gladys M. Zachmeyer, HA1c:

"Definitely no. I have never regretted the experience and benefits I have derived from serving but as far as becoming a permanent part, I think the men alone can take care of it."

Surveys of '45—

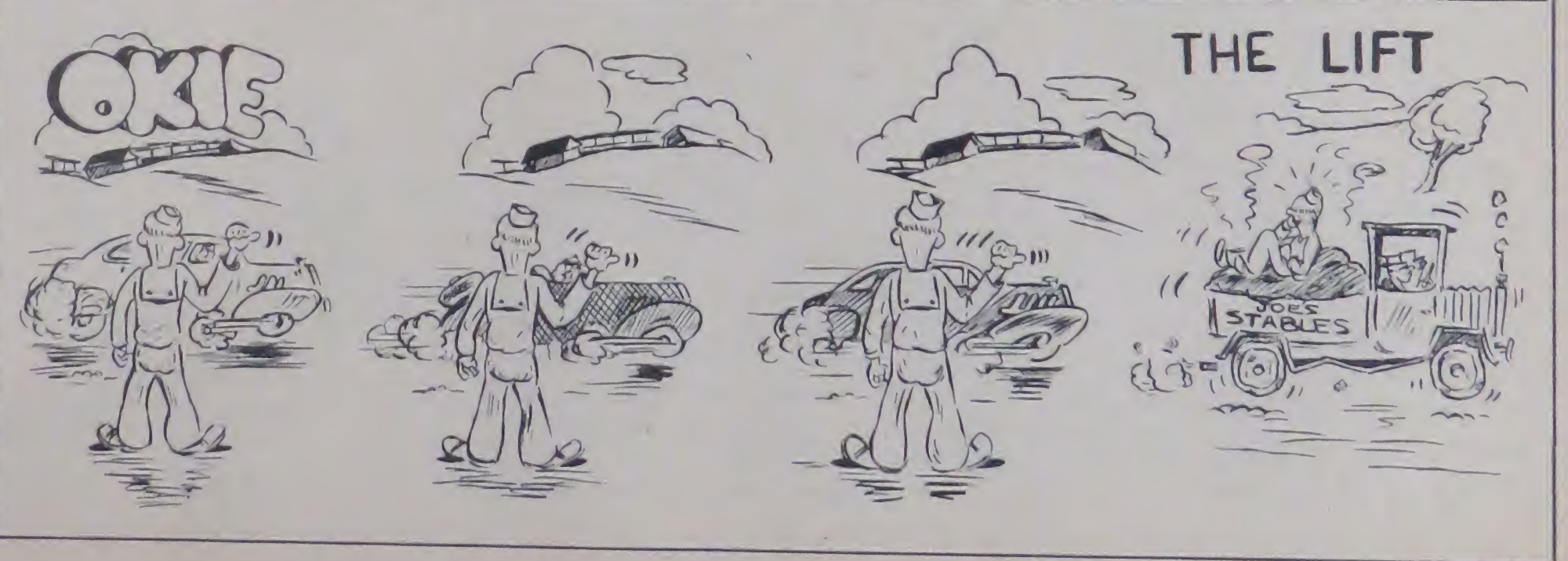
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ors suitably equipped with hill-billy instruments. Led by what appeared to be an authentic backwoods fiddler in the person of Walley, they were called to give many encores.

Bits about Bill and a Salty Wave preceded Mr. Lumberg's masterful chatter and mimicry, which furnished another high spot in the evening's entertainment. Larry Lumberg, a former Fleet Recreation performer overseas, not only gave the show cohesion and drive with his personality but also directed the group.

An ensemble finale brought the hour and a half show to a tuneful finish. Oak Knoll salutes a talented cast, the unsung heroes backstage, Mr. Harrington and his competent Rhythm Doctors, and the Welfare and Recreation Department for a swell show.

Another performance was given in the Auditorium on Monday, March 5, and on Tuesday, March 6, the group traveled up to San Leandro Hospital to put on the show. Rumor has it that additional performances off the compound are being planned.



Hats Off To . . .



PhMlc Mildred N. Montgomery

Almost any time you go into the office of Surgery 2 you are likely to see a gowned doctor dictating rapidly in medical jargon the findings of a completed operation to a nimble-fingered WAVE. The doctor will be one of several surgeons, but the WAVE will be PhMlc Mildred N. Montgomery, surgical secretary.

Miss Montgomery, a native Californian, is well-fitted for her job in both the medical and secretarial fields. After graduating from Junior College in Santa Ana, California, she took one and one-half years of nurses' training until forced to abandon it due to sickness. A business secretarial course in Los Angeles followed, which completed her academic training. At the time of her entrance into the Navy, she was employed in an aircraft plant.

When Miss Montgomery came to the Oakland Naval Hospital in July, 1943, a Corps School for WAVES was in operation here. She emerged from this school a PhM2c and went right to work in Surgery, where she has been a quiet and efficient worker ever since.

The lure of overseas duty will deprive Surgery 2 of her invaluable services on March 11, that being the date on which she will be detached from the hospital. Miss Montgomery will spend a few days at home and then report to Shoemaker for transfer to the 14th Naval District, which sounds very much like Hawaii.

"When I joined the Navy I wanted Surgery and that's what I got," says Miss Montgomery. "I hope to get the same overseas."

46B Staff Gives Blood

The entire staff of Ward 46B gave blood this week at Oak Knoll's own Blood Bank. WAVE Catherine Bubbles HAlc of Ward 62A contributed the 16th pint of blood she has given for the service men in this war. Have you given blood yet? Call 235 for an appointment.

Basketeers Whip Leandro 52-28

The Station Basketball Team got off to a flying start in the Hospital Tournament being held at T. I. when on Monday, March 5, they overwhelmed San Leandro 52 to 28.

Oak Knoll's men functioned with all-around brilliance, the scoring being led by Jones with 12 markers, Keiswater with 10 and Simpson and Felix with 7 apiece. The superb defensive play of Hunstad, Richards, and Lather kept San Leandro's score at a minimum.

Our team's chances of copping the championship for the 12th Naval District are considered excellent, with Shoemaker expected to give the main opposition.

Waves Trounce T. I. In Bowling Match

Oak Knoll's Waves trounced Treasure Island by more than a hundred pins in a bowling match on February 28, 1945. The final score was 2083 to 1950.

The star bowler of the evening was Reser, whose fine control gave her the top triple score of 458. Her high singles was 183 and her high doubles 327. Other Oak Knoll scores: Gaspar, 444; Snyder, 420; Kuziara, 377; Gregor, 394.

For Treasure Island, Skidmore led with 438, with Knight a close second.

Game prizes were awarded for each high score.

Bowling Team Defeated By Herrick Iron Works

The Station's bowlers performed nobly but finally succumbed to the Herrick Iron Works team, Trans-Bay champs four out of the last five years, by a score of 2844 to 2504. The steadier pin-toppling of an older and more experienced team were too much for the occasional brilliance of Oak Knoll's keggers.

High triple honors were taken by Herrick's Whetstone with a neat 624. King led the station bowlers with a 539 and iron worker Sikol rolled the high single game of 238.

On Monday, March 12, our bowlers will face the Caterpillar Diesels on the local alleys at 1900.

Three Compound Dances Scheduled for March

The month of March will be featured by three compound dances for Oak Knollers. A regular feature in the station's recreational activities, refreshments are served, and 35 to 40 cases of coca-cola are consumed.

On Monday, March 12, a Patients' Dance will be sponsored by the Alameda Hospitality House. Thursday, March 15, features a Staff Dance. And, on Thursday, March 29, the Defremery USO will sponsor a dance for colored staff and patients.

District Honors Athletic Program

Oak Knoll's athletes and the Hospital's athletic teams were signally honored by placing sixth in the Recreational Athletic Program of the 12th Naval District. Participating were 35 Stations and points were awarded for championships and activities entered.

Among hospitals represented Oak Knoll reigned supreme with Treasure Island showing up next in 18th place. The Welfare and Recreation Department, which is in charge of team activities here, are deservedly proud of this splendid showing.

Scuttlebutt

The male hearts around Civil Readjustment are sad as the wedding date of comely Sgt. Helen Erickson approaches nearer and nearer. To date the only Marine of the fairer sex assigned to this station, Miss Erickson has always been a ray of sunshine in the building. . . .

PhMlc Don Fox, Romeo of the MAA Shack, is reported to have forsaken the Navy for a civilian "slick chick." When last seen, he was looking at diamonds in Ship's Service. . . .

Shame on you boys in X-ray! Don't you know you mustn't spank a Bride? . . . Even if she does pinch you. . . .

Betty Houston, Insurance's connoisseur of the homo genus, reports that the Army Air Corps has its good points, too. . . .

The junior member of the "Oak Leaf" is rumored to be a frequent visitor of a good looking redhead down in the Marine Detachment Building . . . and vice versa . . . OK, Mickey? . . .

Speaking of Mickey, have you heard about the rugged Chief who cries at the movies? . . .

Leatherneck

Sgt. Melvin P. Sartain drew the rugged duty Friday last, being wine, dine, and photographed, as he went on a tour of San Francisco as a guest of the Pepsi-Cola Company. Corp. Earl A. Coleman, awarded the Silver Star for his courageous work with a flame-thrower at Tarawa; made a speech at the meeting of the San Francisco Executive Association at the Palace Hotel last Friday noon. Another Silver Star man, Rex G. Adams, made a speech over NBC Saturday a week ago. When he appeared in front of the mike he felt as if the doctors had removed his tongue, for when it came time for him to speak he almost could not do it, but after all he was a little bashful, and as one person commented, "All the medal winners are quiet and bashful."

Many are the comments going around now about the editorial in a certain San Francisco newspaper. Apparently the writer had not heard of Gen. H. Smith and Admirals Nimitz and Halsey and Mitchers' Task Force No. 58.

You fellows probably know that soon Marines from Iwo Jima will be coming in and they are going to be needing whole blood as well as plasma, so stand by for action—

Speaking of the dead returning to life again, I was walking through 77B the other day and I happened to spot Cpl. "Butch" Weprich Jr. from my old outfit, the 22nd Marine Regiment. The last time that I heard from him he was having a pretty rugged go of it on the beach at Guam. Now I hear he was hit by a mortar shell the seventh day of the drive and was returned to this hospital in October, 1944. Best of luck, "Butch!"

Santa Claus is the only one who can run around with a bag all night and not get talked about.

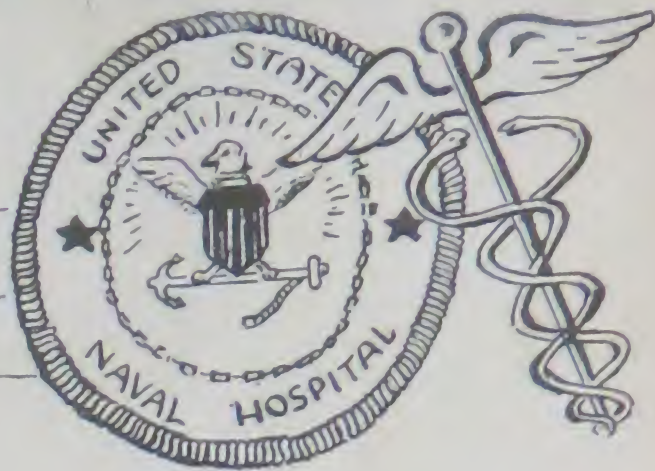
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"No! No! Moiphy . . . Just the Sailors!"

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Saturday, 17 March, 1945

Nurses Rescued In Philippines Come to Hospital

Eleven Navy Nurses and one civilian Nurse arrived at Oak Knoll on Saturday, March 10, after almost three years of existence in Japanese internment camps in the Philippines. After a short respite at the hospital, they look forward to extended leaves at home and then reassignment.

Suffer From Malnutrition

Although worn out by malnutrition and their long hours of labor in caring for the more than two thousand civilian internees in the Los Banos Camp, the majority of these Nurses wish to return to the field of action in the South Pacific. They know the enemy and they know the need for their services.

Starvation Deliberate

Speaking of conditions at Los Banos, Lt. Cmdr. Laura M. Cobb, who is in charge of the group, revealed that the inadequate diet was a deliberate policy of the Japanese. When the Jap guards fled to Manila at the news of the American landing, the internees' committee found abundant supplies in the area. Later the Japanese returned and the harsh regime was resumed.

Hospital Had Six M.D.'s

Miss Cobb described the functions of their improvised set-up at Los Banos as essentially those of a general hospital, staffed by six civilian doctors and 14 nurses. She estimated that about 80 per cent of the camp's population suffered from beri-beri.

In addition to Miss Cobb, the other Nurses in the group, all Lt. (jg), are: Susie J. Pitcher, Goldia A. O'Haver, Bertha R. Evans, Margaret Nash, Dorothy Still, C. Edwina Todd, Helen Gorzelanski, Eldene E. Paige, Mary Rose Harrington, Mary Chapman. The civilian nurse in the group is Maureen Davis, who intends to become a Navy Nurse.

(For picture of Nurses see page 5)

Jeanette MacDonald Charms Hospital With Beautiful Singing, Personality

Jeanette Greets a Singing Gob

A gracious and lovely lady in the person of Jeanette MacDonald came to Oak Knoll on Saturday evening, March 10th. Her exquisite voice as well as her charm and titian-haired beauty entranced a packed audience in the Auditorium.



Jeanette MacDonald shared the spotlight not only with the Nurses rescued from the Japanese internment camp at Los Banos but also with a singing sailor, A. D. Cortinovis, whom she invited to sing from the stage.

Plans Completed For Passover

Plans for observance of the Jewish Festival of Passover, March 28-29, have been released by Chaplain H. Cerf Straus, Cmdr. USNR, and Rabbi Emanuel Kumin, Hospital Service Director of the Jewish Welfare Board.

If you wish to attend a Seder on the first or second night of Passover, or both, call at the Chaplains' Office for full details. There will be both community Seders

and Home Hospitality. Transportation will be provided for patients unable to ride by bus, and special arrangements will be made for bed patients on request.

Various other religious services and recreational events are scheduled. For full information and to obtain Matzos, call at the Chaplains' Office in the Old Administration Building.

**Have You Given Blood
For Oak Knoll Patients?**

Sings 20 Numbers

From her opening number, "My Hero," to her 20th song, "Italian Street Song," Miss MacDonald absorbed and delighted her GI listeners. Her repertoire, all in response to vociferous requests, ranged from the popular ballad, "Always," through the light classics to the "Waltz Song" from "Romeo and Juliet."

Rescued Nurses Honored

Jeanette MacDonald's lovely soprano voice did not supply all the thrills of the evening, however, for 11 nurse heroines rescued from Los Banos were presented to the audience. The nurses, trim but showing the effects of three years of imprisonment, were given an ovation.

The high spot of the evening came when Miss MacDonald, at the request of these nurses, sang the stirring "Battle Hymn of the Republic," with the audience providing a magnificent chorus. Throughout the evening the audience responded nobly when urged to participate in the singing.

Sailor Does Solo

During the singing of "Rose Marie," Miss MacDonald spotted the excellent singing of Sailor A. D. Cortinovis in the audience and invited him to perform from the stage, which he did nobly on two different occasions. Throughout the evening, Jeanette MacDonald's superb singing was matched only by her graciousness and poise.

As a tribute from a grateful hospital, Miss MacDonald received a lovely bouquet of roses at the close of her performance.

Appeared in Opera

At present on a tour of Naval hospitals in the Bay Area, her professional work of late has been in the concert field. She appeared during the last season with the

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• A Word to Patients

I am a patient. So I suppose I feel as most of you do. I do not like being in the hospital. Time hangs heavy on my hands. My future is uncertain. I had a tendency to feel that the "Does" were taking their own sweet time treating me. Yes, I had that feeling until I really looked behind the scene and saw what a terrific job the handful of "Does" are doing at Oak Knoll.

The fact is that "Does" here work ten and fifteen hours many days. Just knock on their doors any time during the day and you'll find them consulting with a patient. It is heart-breakingly tiring work.

Let's all have the virtue of "PATIENCE." We'll be much the happier for it. And "Doc's" task will be made easier.

—J. B. R.

• "Gift of Prophecy"

It is not necessary to be endowed with the gift of prophecy to know—

That thrift is a virtue.

That thrift is a habit.

That one can acquire good habits as easily as bad ones.

That the War bond program is a systematic method of saving money.

That War bonds pay the highest rate of interest of any investment of comparable safety and liquidity.

That most men will not save voluntarily unless a systematic, painless method is available to them.

That it is wiser to "save first and spend the difference" than it is to "spend first and save the difference."

That the War bond program ideally meets these requirements.

That a solvent citizen, whether he is in the Navy or not, is apt to be a better citizen than one who is dependent.

Bowling Star Will Give Exhibition

Frank Benkovic of Milwaukee, one of the all-time bowling greats, will make a personal appearance at Oak Knoll Hospital on Wednesday, March 21, to give an exhibition of his championship pin-toppling skill and to cross alleys with officers and enlisted men who will be invited to join him in tenpin combat. An afternoon session will be devoted to instruction with an exhibition coming in the evening.

A quick glance at Benkovic's bowling records over fifteen years of league and tournament play will convince anyone that he is one of the country's topline pinmen. During the 1940-41 season, for example, Frank compiled a season long game average of 223 for play in three leagues.

During the course of his bowling career, he has rolled nineteen 300 games—that's perfect—as you know—and, in addition, he has scored twenty-eight 299 games, which is so close to perfect that we won't quibble about it.

Hospital Corpsmen Cover the News

Five hospital corpsmen with newspaper experience in civilian life have been selected to join a number of writers attached to the staff of Admiral Nimitz to "cover" the war in the Pacific. The assignments are part of an ambitious relations plan to keep the home folks posted.

The hospital corpsmen selected are: Sol Winters, PhM1c; Ralph D. Aylesworth, PhM3c; Paul D. Milford, HA1c; Sam G. Harris, HA1c; and Marcel J. Erminio, HA1c.

Frank Benkovic shared the ABC world's championship doubles title in 1932 and then came back to share the same title the next year, thus being the only bowler in ABC history to win the same championship in successive years. The ABC world's championship mark he helped set in 1933, a mammoth 1415, still stands.

Cadet Nurses Start Training Here



Above are pictured the new class of 55 Cadet Nurses which arrived at Oak Knoll March 1st for six months of training. Lt. (Jg) Ann Jessih is Director of Cadet Nurse training here, assisted by Lt. (Jg) Reba Hartley and Lt. (Jg) Jeanette Wilchinski. First row, left to right: Garver, Van Deusen, Stillman, Hagen, Shillato, Belt, E. Cain, M. Cain, Comstock, Hinz. Second row: Freeman, Kirby, Throckmorton, Goszewski, Cogdal, Blazy, Murphy, Sharp, Makielski, Armstrong, Tlustos, Pekarek, Eckman, Van Ward, Larsen, Whiting, Witt, Shirley, McNamara. Third row: Day, Donaldson, Dean, Eyk, Kulick, Seaton. Fourth row: Zanis, Smith, Trammell, Peschel, Wynne, Helder, Hanson, Lewis, Kimble, Kleinheinz, Alfonsi. Fifth row: Marble, Kesterson, Bradley, Bobba, Black, White, Schoenecker, Janice Arnold was in sick bay at the time the picture was taken.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Sacrifice

Sacrifice is a bloody word. It makes you think of the slaughtered lambs and goats of the Old Law. It may even make you think of an Aztec priest in the day of Montezuma slashing the throat of a human victim offered up to an obscene God.

That's one side of the picture. The other side of the word "sacrifice" is very different—the most beautiful word you can speak. You may be thinking of all the sacrifices mother made for you. She sacrificed her youth and much of her beauty to give you birth. Together with dad she sacrificed much time, comfort, and peace of mind, to bring you up. You're thinking of the sacrifices a lovely and unselfish wife makes for her husband, or the glorious sacrifices Jesus Christ made for us from Bethlehem to Calvary.

You are all making magnificent sacrifices. You've given up home and all that home means—a tremendous sacrifice; have experienced the hardships of training—a painful sacrifice. If you have shed your blood in a wound, that's literally a sacrifice.

Only, be sure to gain the merit in God's eyes for your sacrifices. Nobody likes to suffer. Nobody likes privation. Nobody likes to shed his blood. You're doing it because you want to protect your country and dear ones—and principles you believe important to God. That's sacrifice. Offer it up to God—all of it. He'll accept it and bless you for what you give him.

CHAPLAIN ROBERT J. CRONIN.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.
Sunday: Morning Worship—0930.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Vespers—1800.
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.
Discussion Group (alternating Mondays and Tuesdays in Chapel)—1730.
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplains—R. V. Cronin, J. P. Corley.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830 and 1100.
Weekday Mass—0650 and 1640.
Confessions—Daily, before Mass; Saturdays at 1900; on the Thursday before each first Friday at 1900.
Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.

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CAGERS TAKE DISTRICT TITLE

Patients Tell Of Big Moments In Combat

Editor's Note: Here are uncensored remarks of patients at Oak Knoll as they tell of their most exciting moment while in the armed services:

LOWELL C. LARSON, PHM 3c, USMC, Ward 65-A, of Minneapolis, Minn., says: "The Nips bombed our base in the Marshall Islands one night with what must have been 100 planes. I was plenty scared, but just hugged the ground as bombs fell all around me. We lost some fine boys that night. I was just lucky."

VERNON KALLOCK, CEM, USN, Ward 65-A, of Rochester, N. Y., relates: "I spent quite a bit of time up around Attu and Kiska in the days when the Japs were holding the islands and threatening to come through to Alaska. My most exciting moment was seeing 'Old Glory' raised once again above Attu after that rugged battle. I just choked up, as did many of us."

STANLEY W. TEFFT, Aviation Cadet, Ward 71-A, of Toledo, Ohio, says: "The Japs shot our bomber down over Mono Island and we did a belly crash. That was scary. But it was so mild as to how I felt lying in the jungle brush that afternoon as a native guide led Japs hunting me almost to where I lay. The native looked squarely at me, sort of grinned, then turned the Japs off in another direction. Those natives were strictly pro-American."

EDDIE SEIL, PFC, USMC, Ward 71-A, of Buffalo, N. Y., asserts: "While fighting ahead on Saipan, the Japs pinned us down in a dank fox-hole. They were all around us. Suddenly one of them spotted our hideout. He tossed a hand grenade right into our laps. I knew my time had come. Imagine my happy surprise to wake up in a hospital with a cute nurse bending over me. My other pals in the fox-hole weren't so lucky."

HC Officer and Nurses Barred From Routine Tasks

A reduction in the assignment of Navy nurses and Hospital Corps officers to "non-technical and routine tasks" was directed by Rear Admiral W. J. C. Agnew (MC), USN, acting chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Hospitals will utilize this personnel in technical, professional, supervisory or administrative positions and assign civilians to routine tasks wherever possible.

12th Naval District Hospital Champs



Bottom row, left to right: Reakes (referee), Gibson, Richards, Hunstad, Simpson, Felix, Keiswater, Stump. Middle row: Gilberg, Jones, Cassolini, Lather, Balin, Rear-don, Huebschman, Spagnola. Top row: Dailey, Catalano, and Picariello, the team's board of strategy.

Leatherneck

Blush: Wedding bells rang out Friday last for the beautiful and blushing bride, **Sgt. Helen Ericson** of the Marine Detachment. The bragging groom, according to the bride, is tall, dark, and handsome **Pfc. Jesse Hamilton** of the Marine Detachment at La Mesa, California. They were married at 2000 in Berkeley and a reception was held afterwards. This is one of those marriages we should observe for results. Helen has the advantage of 3 stripes but she says the Pfc. can be boss. Hamilton is formerly of the 1st Division and was returned to the States after being wounded on Peleliu.

Pfc. R. E. Lightner, 77A, was present at a ship launching at the Moore Shipyard last Sunday. Lightner was introduced from the Launching Platform prior to the launching of the ship, sponsored by the Purple Heart Queen, Marjorie Hart.

Monday morning at 0930 there arrived via Red Cross station wagon a complete portable recording unit. **George W. Esphorst**, **Carl T. Thompson** and **Donald Valentine** of 74A, **George W. Thompson**, **Walter E. Soboleski**, **John F. McCormick** and **Jess Hahn**, all of 77B, and **Robert P. Mader** of 43A, all made a recorded interview to be sent to their home town and broadcast over the radio there.

Pvt. Robert E. Davis won retention of the Camp Mathews trophy for Camp Mathews, and for himself a letter of commendation from the commandant of the Marine Corps by firing 331 out of a possible 340 with the Garand (MI) rifle. His was the highest score out of 107,136 entrants who fired for the first time in 1944.

Contributions Grow In Red Cross Drive

As the Red Cross Drive swung into its third week, gratifying results were being tabulated by the Provost Marshal, Mr. Singleton, and his crew who are in charge of the collection of the donated funds.

Numerically, the Nurses led the field with 187 having given already, followed by the Patient Personnel Department with 51. Laundry has accounted for 48 individual donations, the Red Cross Staff for 43, and the Accounting Department for 40.

The following departments are already 100 per cent represented in the drive, with every member contributing: Accounting, Receiving Room, Laundry, Inside Master-at-Arms, Red Cross, Phot Laboratory and N. P. Service Doctors.

It is expected that the drive will end on this Station March 25. WHERE WILL YOUR DEPARTMENT STAND IN THE FINAL REPORT?

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It is comforting to know that a man can still take a chew without feeling that he should first offer one to a lady.

Defeat T. I. in Tourney Finale By 50-39 Score

Oak Knoll was crowned the Basketball Champion among the hospitals in the 12th Naval District when they crushed Treasure Island 50-39 in the tournament final on Friday, March 9th. Led by Jones, with 23 points, the team surged ahead in the final minutes to take the title.

Score at Half, 24-22

Both squads played rugged, neck-to-neck ball in the first half with the lead changing hands constantly. The score at the half-way mark was 24-22, with Oak Knoll holding the tenuous two-point margin.

With seven minutes to go the score stood at 35 all and it looked like anybody's game. But with Jones and Stump providing some deadly sharpshooting and the whole team clicking smoothly, our boys forged steadily ahead. Sinking 15 points to T. I.'s 4 in this period, they turned the game into a rout.

Team Gets Support

It was a tense and exciting game and some of the credit must go to the magnificent rooting of the large Oak Knoll delegation who, in T. I.'s own gym, outnumbered the Treasure Islanders.

Aside from Jones' 23 points, which gave him a season total of 301, the game was featured by tight, well-knit teamwork. Stump was runner-up in scoring with 10 markers.

Previous to the Treasure Island game, Oak Knoll had overwhelmed Fleet Hospital No. 113 by a score of 46-16. Ten men participated in the rout, with each getting their share of the points. The impartiality of the scoring is indicated by the fact that Jones led the team with only eight points.

Hunstad Elected Captain

At the start of the championship game, the boys on the team honored LaVerne Hunstad by electing him captain.

Following is the box score of the final tilt against T. I.:

OAKLAND (50)		TREASURE ISLAND (39)		
	fg	f	fg	
Simpson	2	3	Sartorius	0
Hunstad	1	1	Schneider	3
Jones	10	3	Richter	7
Lather	0	0	Beatty	0
Gibson	0	1	Marmolejo	1
Felix	0	0	Magnusson	1
Richards	0	0	Booker	0
Kieswater	2	2	Russo	3
Stump	4	2		
Gilberg	0	0		
Balin	0	0		
Total	19	12	Total	15

Your Red Cross at Work



Upper left: Ward 75-B has a birthday party with Miss Kembel, Red Cross worker, holding the cake for CSF J. W. Cassidy to cut as S2c C. I. Campbell looks on. Upper right: Block printing is taught at the Red Cross Craft Shop by Miss Jarrett to three patients. Lower left: Mrs. Pfeiffer interviews Y2c R. Swartz in the Red Cross section of the Civil Readjustment Office. Lower right: A Gray Lady teaches card weaving to AMM3c R. J. Magnum on Ward 41A.

Off the Bookshelf

Tuesday, March 6th, was the Library's busiest day. Six hundred and forty-six books were borrowed by patients and staff from the Hospital Library. New books recently received include the following:

The American Scene

Blair: *Tall Tale America—A Legendary History of Our Humorous Heroes.* (Davy Crockett, Johnny Appleseed, Paul Bunyan, and Pecos Bill.)

Cohn: *Combustion on Wheels: An Informal History of the Automobile Age.*

Duffus: *The Valley and Its People: A Portrait of TVA.*

Recreation

Ewen: *Men of Popular Music.* (Jazz and its composers.)

National Recreation Association: *Recreation for Men.*

Ward: *Frank Leahy and the Fighting Irish: the Story of Notre Dame Football.*

Enemies and Allies

Brailsford: *Our Settlement With Germany.*

Fortune: *Japan and the Japanese: a Military Power We Must Defeat, a Pacific Problem We Must Solve.* (Articles reprinted from Fortune magazine.)

Janta: *I Lied to Live: a Year as a Germany Family Slave.* (Story of a Polish officer assigned to farm labor in a small German village.)

Moulton: *The Control of Germany and Japan.* (How to enforce peace.)

Norins: *Gateway to Asia: Sinkiang, Frontier of the Chinese Far West.*

Rosinger: *China's Wartime Politics, 1937-1944.* (Brief history of recent Chinese politics.)

Sands: *Our Jungle Diplomacy.* (Precedents for Japanese aggression to be found in our policy of "saying it with the Marines" in Latin America.)

Biographies

Dunham: *Envoy Unextraordinary.* (A career diplomat who writes humorously of his experiences in Berlin, Hong Kong, Athens, and Aden.)

Harriman: *Take Them Up Tenderly.* (Short sketches of well-known theater people, such as Clare Boothe, Moss Hart, Lillian Hellman, Helen Hayes, Cole Porter, and Oscar Hammerstein.)

New Fiction

Bayliss: *The Bolinvars.* (Melodrama, horses, and dogs.)

Carleton: *Cry Wolf.* (Mystery.)

Coles: *Green Hazard.* (British spy in Germany by the author of *Drink Tomorrow.*)

Gooden: *The Valley of Dry Bones.* (Western.)

Hostovsky: *The Hideout.* (A Czech trapped in occupied France.)

Howie: *Cry Murder.* (Mystery.)

Kalashnikoff: *Jumper, the Life of a Siberian Horse.*

Karney: *There Goes Shorty Higgins.* (Prize-fighting.)

Lamond: *Dingo.* (Adventure in Queensland.)

Marmur: *Sea Duty and Other Stories of Naval Action.* (World War II.)

Hospitals to Have Correspondents

Designation of medical correspondents in all medical department activities where it is feasible was approved by Rear Admiral W. J. C. Agnew (MC), USN, acting chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

The correspondents, to be appointed by their commanding officers, will transmit information and news of their activities to the Publications Division, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, for dissemination among medical department publications and, where advisable, to the press. They will gather professional information which, ordinarily, would not be included in regular reports.

The publications to be served by the medical correspondents are: U. S. Naval Medical "Bulletin," Hospital Corps "Quarterly," Hospital Corps "Quarterly" News Service, and the Bumed "News Letter."

Lost and Found

LOST—Black wallet, containing important papers, including gate pass and bills. Owner: Elmer J. Moser. Please return to Chaplain's Office.

LOST—Silver ID Bracelet with name J. E. Garner, U. S. Navy. Return to Oak Leaf Office.

FOUND—Silver Air Corps Bracelet, 644-1314 USN. Oak Leaf Office.

Peacock and Friend



No, mates, peacocks strolling about have not been added to the natural beauties of Oak Knoll. This noble and lifelike bird is the work of HAlc Winston E. Nolan, who poses with his creation. A taxidermist and ornithologist before he entered the service, Nolan is now a physio therapy technician. The deceased peacock was a gift to the Occupational Therapy Department.

A drunk was trying without success to unlock the door of his house, when a passing policeman asked if he could handle the key for him.

"Nope," the drunk replied, "I can hold the key. You hold the house."



—Vidnic.

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Hats Off To . . .



Floyd C. Standlee

Floyd C. Standlee, MoMM1c (USN), a patient on 42A, has traveled far and wide in the Pacific and seen a great deal of action, although at present his traveling is restricted to a gurney. This smiling six-footer has been on no less than six successful combat patrols in the heart of the Japanese Empire aboard a submarine.

Standlee joined the Navy in 1937 and saw duty aboard a heavy cruiser and a repair ship before being assigned to a fleet tanker. He was aboard this tanker when he took two torpedoes as they were on their way to refuel a task force. Thrown into the air and shaken up by the explosion, it is probable that Standlee received at his time the back injury which brought him to Oak Knoll.

After survivor's leave, Floyd put in for sub duty and made four successful patrols, garnering quite a few Jap ships and a Presidential citation. It was at this time his back started bothering him and he made his first stay at Oak Knoll.

Apparently bettered by two operations, he went on two more combat patrols before coming back with his recurring ailment. Now encased in a cast and facing perhaps eight more months of therapy before being released as good as new, he is looking forward impatiently to rejoining his shipmates aboard the sub.

It was love at first sight when he met PhM2c Barbara Nitschke of Ward 41A. Chaplain Cronin married them on August 24, 1944, and they are now expecting the appearance of an heir some time in May.

Standlee, a regular, intends to stay in the Navy and in the submarine service, which he thinks is tops as duty.

MacDonald—

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Chicago Opera Company in "Faust" and "Romeo and Juliet." Chatting with "Oak Leaf" representatives after the show, she expressed her intention of appearing in a movie this coming fall. Jeanette's husband, Gene Raymond, is major in the Army Air Corps.

Educational Services

Marines! Have you read this message from General Vandegrift?

"When the United States entered the present war, our Corps was called upon to serve in all theaters of operations, abroad, at sea and at home on a larger scale than ever before in our history. To accomplish this mission, a large and rapid expansion of the peacetime strength of the Corps was necessary. Thousands upon thousands of you volunteered and interrupted normal civilian pursuits in order to become Marines and render a patriotic service.



"To many of you who left educational institutions, the Marine Corps has the responsibility of providing an opportunity for you to continue your interrupted education. This the Marine Corps was and is ready to do through the medium of the Marine Corps Institute and various service schools.

"For nearly a quarter of a century, the Marine Corps Institute has conducted an educational program for all Marines, both enlisted men and officers, for the purpose of promoting the efficiency of the individual while in the Corps and to enhance his opportunities upon return to civilian life. I am particularly interested at this time in you young men who left high school to become Marines, and I am pleased to call to your attention this opportunity to complete your high school education through the facilities of the Marine Corps Institute. For you who are high school graduates, there is a wide selection of academic, technical and industrial courses."

For further information contact your Marine Educational Services Officers in Building 133. If you are a bed patient, a call to Extension 164 will bring bedside service.

Rescued Nurses Applauded at Show



Receiving an ovation when they were introduced at the Jeanette MacDonald Show, nine of the twelve Nurses rescued from Los Banos pose with Miss MacDonald. Left to right, they are: Helen Gorzelanski, Mary Rose Harrington, Margaret Nash, Lt. Cmdr. Laura M. Cobb, Bertha Evans, Mary Chapman, C. Edwina Todd, Eldene Paige, and Maureen Davis.

Hospital Personnel Among Rescued

A partial list of Hospital Corps personnel rescued from Jap prisons in the Philippines revealed that eleven men were among the prisoners in Bilibid, Manila, and one, Pharm. James A. Pfeiffer, USN, was at Cabanatuan.

Seven of the men were captured at USNH, Canacao, P. I., when they stuck with the wounded throughout the Japanese assault. In addition to Pfeiffer, they are: Pharm. Clarence Shearer; Walter E. Steele, CPhM; Robert W. Kentner, PhM1c; Thomas F. Brannon, Jr., PhM2c; Ralph G. Ware, PhM2c; and Donald O. Permenter, PhM3c, all USN.

Serving with the Fourth Regiment on Corregidor were: James F. Bray, Jr., PhM2c; Morris C. Farr, PhM2c; Louis Novak, Jr., PhM2c; and Harry L. Payne, PhM3c, all USN.

Lacy L. Casteel, CPhM, USN, was captured while serving aboard the USS Tanager.

"Breezing Along" Entertains

"Breezing Along," another of the many competent USO groups bringing entertainment to service men, breezed into Oak Knoll on Wednesday, March 7th. Featuring a wide variety of talent, they were well received by the audience.

Rudy Barry played a hot accordion, and Doc Gunn, a veteran of 20 months overseas, did incredible magic. The Three Hope Sisters contributed a group of songs, including the currently popular "Rum and Coca Cola."

Mack and Desmond tap danced, after which Desmond wound up the show with his hot and classical piano playing.

Farmer: "You can't go wrong on this mare. She's sound, gentle, a good worker and a fine saddle horse."

S. F. restaurant proprietor: "What I want to know, is she tender?"

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"COCKTAILS FOR TWO?"

Here Are "B" Team Stars



Left to right are the stalwarts of the "B" squad which finished a rugged season with a better than 50-50 showing: Felix, Simpson, Hunstad, Richards, and Keiswater.

Oak Knollers Swamp P. G. & E. Bowlers

Continuing their winning ways, Oak Knoll's well-balanced squad of Bowlers toppled Oakland's P. G. & E. team by a 2662 to 2429 score on Wednesday, March 7.

Dr. Harris starred for the hospital team with a 579. Other Oak Knoll scores: Petty, 546; Smets, 530; King, 510, and Peklewsky, 497.

Patient Makes Wallets



Pictured above is C. H. Summers, S1c, of Trenton, Mo., as he works to complete another unborn calfskin wallet. A patient at Oak Knoll, Summers learned the art of wallet making only a few weeks ago. He also makes nifty key rings to go with each wallet. The tools shown here are needle, hammer, punch and pruning knife, which are all Summers needs to complete the job. The wallets find ready buyers as fast at patient Summers can complete them.

\$50 War Bond For 300 Game

One of the most popular recreation spots on the base is the Bowling Alleys. Here one may have an enjoyable time for a very reasonable fee. There are six alleys, five pool tables, and one snooker table ready for use. Bowling is 10 cents a line with a 5-cent charge for the use of bowling shoes, while the pool and snooker tables cost 5 cents for 15 minutes.

A \$50 War Bond awaits the first person to bowl the perfect game of 300. The alley records for men are as follows: Single, J. F. King, 278; double, A. Nadolski, 466; triple, Strouse, 687. The alley records for women are: Single, I. Thompson, 237; double, E. Gaspar, 412; triple, M. Hocking, 590.

"Rhythm Doctors" Play At Stage Door Canteen

Oak Knoll's popular dance orchestra, The Rhythm Doctors, played at San Francisco's well-known Stage Door Canteen on Friday night, March 9. It was the second time the orchestra has been honored by being asked to appear there.

Featured with the orchestra under the direction of Mr. Harrington were several popular performers from Oak Knoll's recent success, "Surveys of 1945." Marjorie Josephson, Evelyn Hanson, Martha Emerick and Vernon Rodeck all contributed their varied vocal talents and all received much applause.

Sailor: "What do you do when a customer forgets his change?"

Clerk: "I tap on the counter with a dollar bill."

In Your Opinion

"What is your opinion of war marriages?"

Cpl. David Hillman:

"I believe in war marriages only if both parties are in their later twenties and enter the contract seriously. Most of these fellows in their teens returning from overseas and getting married are not going to make a go of it."

Jack Bohm, HA1c:

"Some of these war marriages turn out all right—but people should be very careful and should have known each other for more than three or four months. People with similar backgrounds have a better chance for marital success, and that is what a good many war marriages lack."

Eugene Cheek, F2c:

"They're crazy if they get married now. The problems that arise with separation and wartime living conditions make it a very bad gamble."

Ens. Thelma Gregor, Wave:

"I'm for it providing the couple are sure of what they're doing and understand the significance of marriage in their lives."

John Siegel, PhM3c:

"I don't believe in war marriages. From what I've seen, about 85 per cent of them will wind up in the divorce courts after the war. Of course, it all depends on how long the two people have known each other."

Glasses to Be Provided For Naval Personnel

Provision of eyeglasses and optical repairs for Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel was approved 22 February and fifty-one medical department facilities were designated as optical dispensing agencies within the continental limits. These agencies also

Saluting a Friend



William Sundin is shown chatting with Chaplain Chrisman concerning new projects to benefit hospital service men.

William Sundin, who is a projectionist at the Fox Oakland Theatre, started using his spare time to show pictures in wards about September 1, 1942, not long after the hospital was commissioned. At that time no other facilities existed on the compound to provide this service, and during his first year he gave 480 shows for the grateful GI's.

Mr. Sundin, a veteran of the first World War who holds the Purple Heart for wounds received in the Argonne, still gives about 100 shows a year on Wards 63A-B and 51A-B, in addition to many other services, such as theatrical passes and reading matter.

An official in the Disabled Veterans' organization, he was instrumental in providing the chapel with a piano and the new Hammond organ.

Oak Knoll salutes this patriotic minded civilian for his untiring and valuable services.

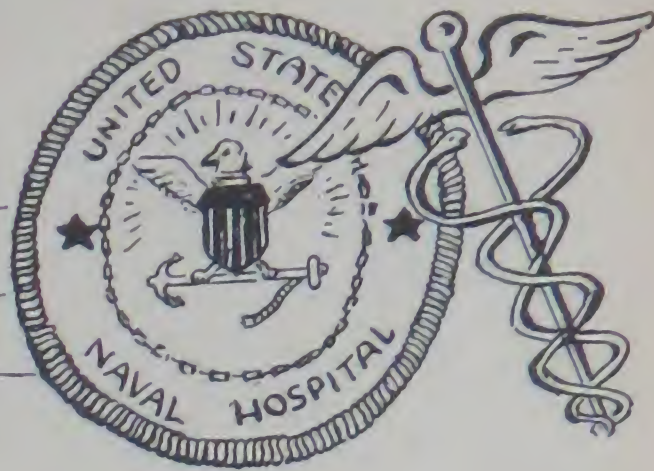
will serve, via mail, personnel outside the continental limits who are not served by mobile optical units. It is expected that all agencies will acquire equipment and materials to begin dispensing eyeglasses by 15 March.

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WHO IS PURPLE HEART QUEEN?

Banquet Fetes Star Athletes

In the lush elegance of the Hotel Claremont in Berkeley, Oak Knoll's athletic and stage heroes were honored Friday evening, March 16th, at the semi-annual banquet sponsored by the Welfare and Recreation Department. The festivities, featuring an excellent cuisine, deft witticisms, and good speakers, was hugely enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Perry is MC

Mrs. Perry, flanked by the guests of honor, Captain and Mrs. Carroll and Captain and Mrs. Snell, was the competent mistress of ceremonies. She introduced the various speakers who paid tribute to Oak Knoll's athletic greats and distributed the honors.

Chief among those honored were the members of the basketball team, who brought to Oak Knoll the 12th Naval District Hospital Championship. Representing the District Recreation Office, Lt. H. Waterbrook presented to Team Captain Hunstad the trophy emblematic of the championship.

Captain Carroll and Captain Snell spoke briefly and entertainingly, and Captain Carroll presented gold basketballs to the

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Machine Shop Practice Study Available Now

Commencing March 26th a maximum of 20 patients may be enrolled through the Educational Services Office in Machine Shop Practice at the Berkeley Evening Trade School.

Transportation will be furnished by the AWVS, leaving the hospital at 1415 and returning at 1715, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Instruction will be on individual projects and students may start training at any time.

The Queen of Oak Knoll—An Editorial

Monday will mark the beginning of Oak Knoll's own "Queen of the Purple Heart" contest. Frankly, the election is designed as an added incentive to secure more contributions to the Blood Bank, because, frankly, Oak Knollers have been a bit lax in giving their blood.

Many patients need transfusions in order to live. This urgent demand has stimulated the *Oak Leaf*, the Welfare and Recreation Department, and the Blood Bank to co-sponsor this election of our queen.

We hope that, as you organize your ward, or your department, or your barracks to nominate a Nurse, Wave, or civilian girl to this award, you will choose a person who is truly representative of Oak Knoll.

The contest will be over in just two months. Coronation ceremonies will be held at the biggest social event of the year, a dance for all officer and enlisted staff members and civilian employees.

We hope on May 28 to celebrate a victory—in the knowledge that our queen represents the many contributions of life-blood for Oak Knoll patients.

Pick your nominee and help her win. It can be fun!

"Happy Hour Time" Initiated by Welfare and Recreation Dept.

The Welfare and Recreation Department is initiating a new program at this hospital under the title of "Happy Hour Time!" The traditional meaning of Happy Hour in the Navy, as most old salts will know, is the entertainment of naval personnel by naval personnel.

Mrs. Perry of Welfare and Recreation intends to have specialists canvass the different wards of the compound in order to unearth hidden talents among the ambulatory patients. These new-found discoveries would then be classified and selected to appear in talent night shows which are expected to materialize within the next few weeks. Valuable prizes will be awarded to those who are selected by audience applause, a method similar to that used by popular quiz programs on the radio.

The participants in these "Happy Hour Contests" will work in conjunction with the American Red Cross on the compound as well as the Chaplain's Office in providing

bedside "Happy Hours" to patients confined to bed over periods of time.

It is expected that there will be an enthusiastic response to this new undertaking. The active participation by patients in the activities previously described is recognized by doctors as one of the new methods having a definite therapeutic value in modern medicine today.

Passover Festival Plans Announced for Patients

Those wishing to attend a Seder on the first or second night of Passover, March 28-29, may call at the Chaplain's Office for full details. There will be both community Seders and Home Hospitality. Transportation will be provided for patients unable to ride by bus, and special arrangements will be made for bed patients on request. Matzos may also be obtained at the Chaplain's Office in the old Administration Building.

Blood Donors To Cast Votes

Who will be Oak Knoll's own Purple Heart queen? Will the honored beauty be a Nurse, Wave, or civilian employee of the hospital? These are the questions that will be answered by the *Oak Leaf* sponsored drive to get more Oak Knoll blood for Oak Knoll patients.

Begins March 26

The Purple Heart Contest opens officially at the Blood Bank Monday, March 26, and closes May 25, 1945. The Queen, chosen by the votes of Oak Knoll blood donors, will be crowned at an all-staff dance on Monday night, May 28.

Here Are Contest Rules

The following are the rules which will govern the contest:

1. All staff members, patients, or civilians giving blood at the Oak Knoll Blood Bank between March 26 and May 25 will be privileged to cast one vote for a Nurse, Cadet Nurse, Wave, or civilian employee of their choice. It is expected that departments, barracks and wards will nominate and support their own candidates.

2. All staff members, patients, or civilians who have given blood since the opening of the Blood Bank previous to the opening of this contest may cast a vote upon proper identification.

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Red Cross Displays Photos in Ad. Bldg.

See the photographic display of Red Cross Worldwide Services on the first deck of the Administrative Building. If you haven't already contributed to the War Fund Drive, there's still time.

Keep the Red Cross at his side!

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• An Eye for an Eye

While diplomats try to piece together the fragments of nations in order to build a lasting peace, news reports from overseas continue to stagger our imaginations with stories of horror and destruction.

Our bombers have succeeded in transforming the densely populated cities of Japan into huge pits of fire. The city of Cologne, Germany, is now a mass of crumbling wreckage. And only time will reveal what irreparable human feelings have been involved.

Animosities between Japanese and American troops have risen to such a torrid degree that Americans are increasingly demanding annihilation of the Japanese nation. Atrocity stories from Manila are adding tinder to the growing spirit of hatred and revenge. The primitive law of the fang, "an eye for an eye," is coming to the fore.

Everywhere there is a feeling of grave apprehension in the hearts of thoughtful men and women. Will the peasants of Central Europe ever forgive the men who flew the bombers? Will we ever forgive the Japanese militarists who caused our kinsmen to suffer so?

Forgiveness and war are both inhuman. But forgiveness is divine.
—H. P.

• See Your Red Cross Representative TODAY!

Millions of conscientious Americans have made possible the 14,000,000 telegrams, 11,000,000 prisoner of war food parcels, 5,000,000 pints of blood, and 3,000,000 kit bags for service men which the Red Cross has been organized to distribute *during the past year alone*.

In the next few days the Red Cross War Fund will close its annual campaign at Oak Knoll. This is your opportunity to help the men over there. With your dimes and dollars—don't delay!

—H. P.

• A Word to Patients

How often have you said, "If I only had some spare time I'd learn to do this or that." Practically all of us have wistfully said that many times in our lives.

Well . . . you're a patient at Oak Knoll. The Command has made it possible here for you to learn a number of hobbies. What are YOU DOING ABOUT IT?

Your very character is indicated by what you do with spare time such as is yours here. If you loaf and fume, you'll just develop bad temper. But if you learn to make leather wallets . . . fine belts . . . lovely tapestries and lots of other worth-while items . . . you'll get that deep feeling of self-satisfaction which only personal accomplishment brings.

THINK about your SPARE TIME NOW!

—J. B. R.

Special Holy Week Services Are Announced

Catholic:

Except for Holy Mass on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, Catholic Services will conform to the regular weekly schedule.

Morning Mass—0650.

Afternoon Mass—1640.

Confessions will be made before each Mass, and before and after: Novena in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Friday—1830.

Confessions also on Saturday—1900.

Easter Day: Regular Sunday schedule of Masses—0630, 0830 and 1100.

Protestant:

Two Easter Sunday services will be in the amphitheatre. Also, services will be held in the chapel each evening of Holy Week at 1930, Monday through Thursday. With these two exceptions, the schedule will conform to the regular weekly schedule.

The Latter Day Saints will meet Thursday evening at 0730 on the 2nd deck of the bagroom, Building 132, in a classroom.

In case of rain, the two amphitheatre services will be held in the Auditorium of the Ship Service Building.

Friends and relatives are cordially invited to all Holy Week Services. Special services to be held are as follows:

0730—Monday through Friday—morning devotionals.

0730—Mon., 26 March—Episcopal Communion—conducted by Rev. Stephen W. Green.

1930—Mon., 26 March—preaching service.

1930—Tues., 27 March—Lutheran Communion—conducted by Rev. Waldemar E. Menzel.

1930—Wed., 28 March—preaching service.

1930—Thursday, 29 March—Holy Thursday Communion.

1200-1500—Fri., 30 March—"Seven Last Words of Christ." (During this service the congregation will come and go as they like.)

0700—Sun., 1 April—Easter Sunrise Services in the Amphitheater.

0930—Sun., 1 April—Holy Communion in the Chapel.

1030—Sun., 1 April—Easter Sunday Morning Worship in the Amphitheatre.

1800—Sun., 1 April—Easter Sunday Vespers in the Chapel.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

On Being a Real Man

The standards of sophisticated society for determining manhood are vicious deceptions and make for moral anemia. They have insisted by implication, if not explicitly, that manhood is expressed in terms of drinking, cursing, and moral laxity. And many have put their stamp of approval upon such measurements, and labeled as puritanical all attempts to conform to the laws of conscience and decency. Yet, such outward expressions are but symbolical of the lack of real manhood—for men are men not so much because of the magnificence of their bodies, or their ability to abandon their moral senses, as by the qualities of their character. And note that true character arises from inner motivation and not from exterior compulsion.

Here are some evidences of real manhood: sincerity and honesty, as over against sham and hypocrisy; an inner calmness and serenity, as over against a sense of insecurity and futility; moral cleanliness—in thought and action—as over against moral abandonment; selflessness, in opposition to selfishness; simplicity and clarity of purpose, as over against duplicity and confusion. These are marks of great character, and are, therefore, evidences of a real man.

Strangely enough, a man really becomes a man in direct proportion to his harmony and fellowship with God. For once this relationship is established it expresses itself in his relationship with his fellowman and with things, and the aforementioned character becomes possible.

If one would be a real man, he must know God as real.

CHAPLAIN ROEBUCK.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.
Sunday: Morning Worship—0930.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Vespers—1800.
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.

Discussion Group (alternating Mondays and Tuesdays in Chapel)—1730.

Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.

L. D. S. (Mormon). Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplains—R. V. Cronin, J. P. Corley.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830 and 1100.
Weekday Mass—0650 and 1640.
Confessions—Daily, before Mass: Saturdays at 1900; on the Thursday before each first Friday at 1900.
Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.

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Patients Tell Of Big Moments In Combat

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Here are un-censored remarks of patients at Oak Knoll as they tell of their most exciting moment while in the armed services:)

W. R. JELENSKY, S1c, USN, Los Angeles, Calif., Ward 65-A, says: "I was a Marine by accident for nine days on Saipan. And boy, the going was tough. It all happened when the Japs bombed our transports heavily on the second day of the invasion. They were ordered out to sea and we were left behind. The Marines gave us jungle uniforms, machine guns, and we fought the Nips almost hand to hand during those hectic nine days and nights. The incident that stands out most in my mind is the Jap suicide charge. They came at us en masse, filled with sake and shouting. We mowed them all down. But the going was VERY WARM!"

ED. J. WARNER, F1c, USNR, New Brunswick, Conn., of Ward 2-A, was in the invasion of Minoro. He relates that: "Our convoy was attacked by 55 planes. I was strapped in a gun of my LST. The bombs were falling like hail. Strafing tactics were splattering lead all over the decks. Our gun got five of the Nips. But finally Betty scored a hit on our gun. I tried to get underneath a truck on deck for protection. Then a bomb landed between our LST and an ammunition ship. Shrapnel hit me and here I am at Oak Knoll."

E. BORKOWSKI, F1c, USN, of Detroit, Mich., Ward 43-A, says: "It's all a mystery how I got out of the carrier Gambier Bay alive. You know we were sunk in the Battle of Samar Straits. There our carriers and a few destroyers were trying to hold Jap battleships, cruisers and destroyers off MacArthur's unprotected transports in Leyte Bay. Well . . . we just took it. For two days afterwards we were in the water awaiting rescue. I got my wound as I was coming through the escape hatch from my battle station below. My buddies helped me over the side. It was all a sort of bad dream."

CELESTIN DEPONS, SC1c, USN, San Francisco, Ward 42-A, relates: "I had a bagful of close calls aboard my PT boat in the Philippine battles which finally resulted in the mangling of the Jap fleet. In Surigo Straits we were strafed and bombed almost daily by the Japs. During the Samar Straits battle, we made several successful runs on Jap cruisers and loosed our in fish. However, I got mine from a strafing by four Nip planes in 'Shotgun Alley.' 'Shotgun Alley' was the narrow strip of water

Athletic Banquet Features Good Eats, Good Talk



Upper left: Captain Carroll and Captain Snell applaud as Mrs. Perry introduces one of Oak Knoll's athletic heroes. Upper right: PhM3c Helen Synder receives her Bowling Team Award from Lt. Mary Raines. Lower left: Mr. and Mrs. Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Hunstad pose proudly with the 12th Naval District Hospital Basketball Championship Trophy. Lower right: A scene at one of the tables during the spontaneous songfest.

separating Leyte and Samar. Brother, I've had my share of excitement for a while."

FRANK HOWARD, Pfc, USMC, Ward 43-A, of Pueblo, Colo., says: "Bayonet fighting and hand-to-hand knifing was very common on Saipan. That's how I got hurt. The whole thing happened under the hysteria of body-contact combat. We had been in the front lines for ten days and nights and were pressing the Nips steadily back. Then they counter-attacked. We mowed lots of them down. But some got through. I managed to get two of the Japs, but the third got me. Only quick action by my buddy in killing the Jap saved my life."

SAM N. RETTON, Pfc, USMC, Ward 65-B, of Chowchilla Calif., says: "Jap bombers really pasted us during the early days of the campaign around Guadalcanal. It was an every day and night proposition. Naturally, it got on your nerves. Finally, my luck ran out—though not altogether, or I wouldn't be here. One evening 25 Nip bombers unloaded their eggs over my foxhole. I was blown out of the foxhole and awoke in the hospital. You don't remember many details of the bomb that gets you."

THOMAS W. CANNON, S1c, of Anniston, Ala., Ward 65-B, relates: "I've been in action in the Mediterranean to Attu, but was a lot more fortunate than many of my buddies. Though I didn't get

In Your Opinion

"What is your favorite way of spending a liberty?"

C. L. Mustin, SC3c:

"I stay mostly on the base and go to the shows, because I think there's just as much to do here as outside. However, I do get to the Wednesday night fights once in a while."

Elmer Gerken, PhM3c:

"My wife used to bowl in State Tournaments and now that is my favorite sport, too. Aside from bowling, we usually go to San Francisco every week to see stage plays."

Martin Fishman, MaM2c:

"I go to San Francisco to see my girl. We are both interested in classical music, so we go to the San Francisco Symphony Concerts, art galleries, and sometimes a good movie."

Charles C. Smits, PhM3c:

"I don't get out much because we're pretty busy here at the alleys and I like bowling as well as anything else anyway. But I do get out for a show occasionally."

hurt, the most scary thing I experienced happened just out of Gibraltar. We were out of sight of the coast of southern France when three big German mine-laying planes swooped down ahead of our convoy and began unloading mines. German machine-gunners opened up on us. From my gun battle station, I helped answer the fire. We were surely playing for keeps on that occasion."

Banquet—

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members of the championship squad. Those honored were: Hunstad, Richards, Simpson, Gibson, Lather, Stump, Jones, Gilberg, Keiswater, Felix, Balin, Hummell, Reardon and Huebschman.

The following received certificates for participation in basketball: Slater, Peterson, Hume, Coscolini, Moses, Catalano, Picariello and Brown. In addition, S. P. Picariello received a trophy from the team members for his excellent work as the team's strategist.

The Women's Bowling Team, which came within five points of taking the district title, were commended and rewarded by Lt. Mary Raines, WAVE District Welfare and Recreation Officer. Members of the WAVE and Nurse basket squads were also introduced.

John Dobris introduced the winners of the Ward Bowling Tournament and of the Staff and Patient Doubles Tournament. Haynie and Kosling were commended for their showing in the District Swimming Meet, in which Haynie garnered a first and second place.

The participants in the recent stage hit, "Surveys of 1945," which included the tuneful "Rhythm Doctors," directed by Harrington and the excellent chorus directed by Jane Evans, were complimented by Mrs. Perry and introduced to the assemblage.

All in all, it was a gala evening and a fitting climax to a very successful season.

U. S. Employment Service Provides Jobs With Future



Officials of the U. S. Employment Service are seen conferring with Lt. W. C. Hawke, Civil Readjustment Officer. Left to right: Earl Miller, Supervisor of the Veterans' Department of the Oakland U. S. Employment Service; J. B. Donelson, Supervisor of Hospital Program; Lt. Hawke; U. T. Stewart, State Veterans' Representative; A. J. Fotheringham, Manager of the Oakland U. S. Employment Service.

Throughout the United States there are 1500 United States Employment Service Offices, with Veteran's Departments in the larger offices and Veteran's Employment Representatives in the small branches. These Representatives are there for the sole purpose of counselling men and women who have been honorably discharged from branches of the Armed Forces.

The ultimate goal of these interviewers is to place each veteran in the position that he will find a real interest, a comfortable living wage, and a job that will give him a secure future. Veteran's Employment Rights, job opportunities, apprenticeship training, and further education are among the major factors that can be clarified for the Serviceman returning to civilian life.

In all military hospitals where men and women are being dis-



Miss M. E. Rodier and Miss H. T. Bailey, the two efficient young women who interview prospective civilians, discuss the postwar future of a departing serviceman.

charged a Veteran's Employment Representative is to be found. At Oak Knoll, this office is located topside of the Marine Detachment Building. In conjunction with the Civil Readjustment Program all personnel that has been surveyed is routed through the United States Employment Service, at which time their employment rights as a Veteran are explained, whether returning to their former job or seeking a new one.

Application cards are taken in full by the interviewers, Miss M. E. Rodier and Miss H. T. Bailey, if the individual so desires, at which time past education and employment histories are recorded and all future interests in job opportunities. These cards are then forwarded to the United States Employment Service nearest the dischargee's home. By the time the man is ready to return to work his Veteran's Representative has the complete history and interests at hand. In this way unnecessary waiting is eliminated.

The point is stressed that Veterans, both men and women, should not only avail themselves of the assistance of the Veteran's Department of the United States Employment Service in the procuring of suitable employment, but remember that the Veteran's Department of every United States Employment Service and the Veteran's Representative whom they may contact in remote communities who are qualified to give them information on any subject that involves their rights as a veteran. In other words, Veterans should think of the Veteran's Department of the United States Employment Service as a place that they can go with dignity and get the true facts in regard to their rights.

Patient Gets That Important Diploma

J. O. Waterhouse, AMM3c, of Ward 74B, recently contacted the Educational Services Office in regard to completing the two courses he thought he needed to take in order to receive his high school diploma. He carried away a course in English Literature to work on until he heard from his high school about how much credit they would give him for his Navy training.

Back came the reply from the Assistant Superintendent of Roosevelt High School, Dayton, Ohio: "1½ credits—basic training; 3 credits—Aviation Machinist Mate School. Above credit completes requirements for high school graduation. Your name will be included with the graduating class of 1945."

When Waterhouse read the above, his yelps of delight were overheard by our reporter: "Whoopie! Ditch that English and give me something that really counts, like Aerodynamics!"

Congratulations, Waterhouse!

Purple Heart—

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3. The *Oak Leaf* staff, under the supervision of Lt. Carey of the Welfare and Recreation Department and Chaplain Pitts, Editor of the *Oak Leaf*, will tabulate the votes and publish the weekly standings of the contestants.

4. The Nurse, Cadet Nurse, Wave, or civilian employee of Oak Knoll who will have received the

Well Done!



The Medical Officer in Command extends a "Well Done" to: **MANUEL DAVIS, HA1c (USNR)**, for being on the alert and probably saving a patient's life at 0245 Sunday 11 March 1945 in Ward 41A.

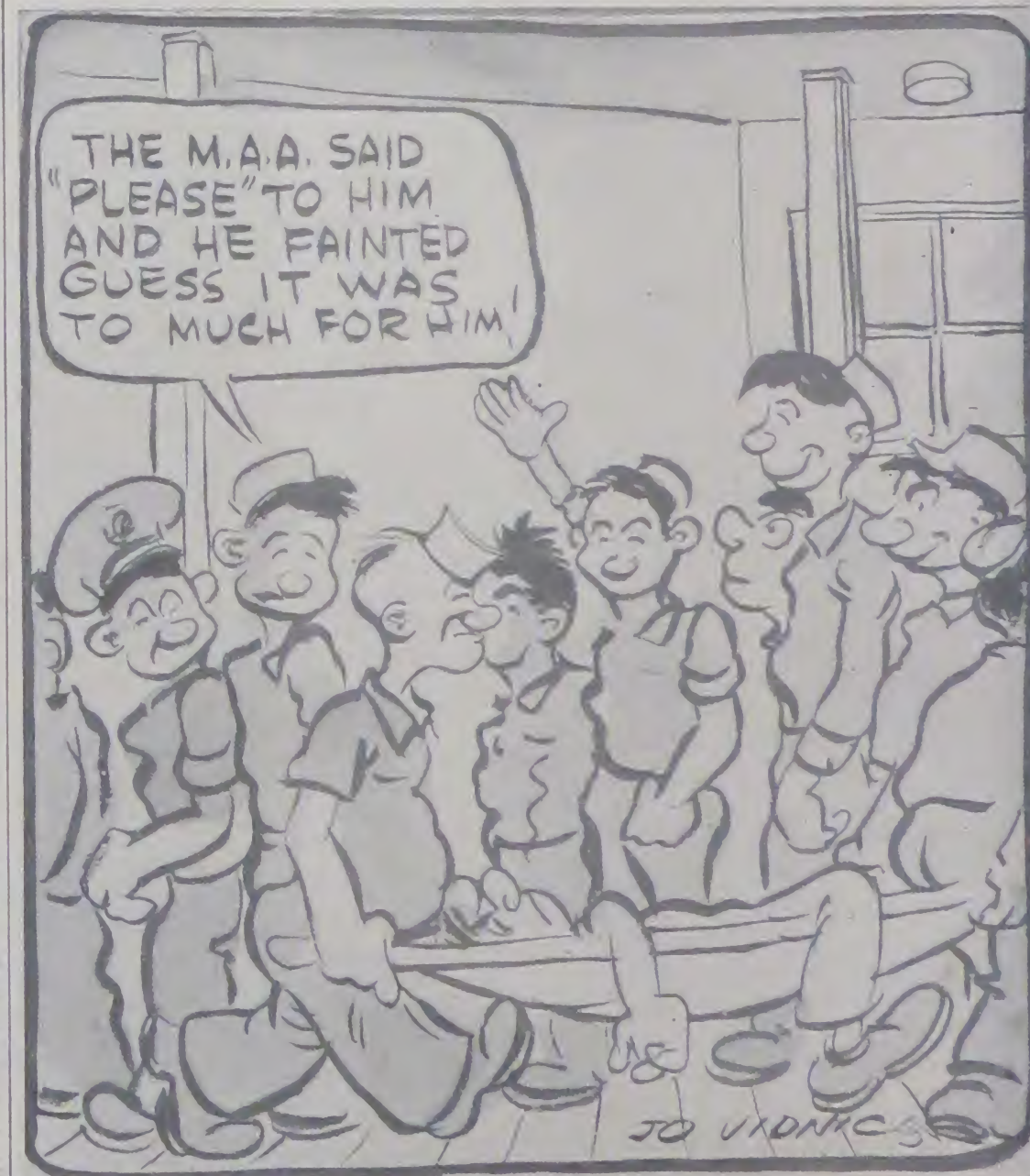
greatest number of votes by May 25, will be crowned Queen of the Purple Hearts of Oak Knoll at a suitable ceremony to be held on the evening of May 28.

This contest is sponsored jointly by the *Oak Leaf*, the Welfare and Recreation Department, and the Blood Bank.

The need for Oak Knoll blood for Oak Knoll patients is great. Give your blood not only to fulfill this vital need but also to choose the Queen of your choice!

SK 1/c: I'd like two hard-boiled eggs to take out.

Oakland waitress: Okay, but you'll have to wait. Mamie and me don't get through work until 10.



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Off the Bookshelf

We are proud as a peacock of the peacock loaned by the Occupational Therapy Department. Incidentally, the library provided a picture of a live peacock to assist the taxidermist.

NEW BOOKS IN BRIEF

Fiction

Barrett: *Sun in Their Eyes*. (Adventure in Texas about 1812.)

Aldwell: *Tragic Ground*. (An incredible southern family and their experiences with social workers.)

Charteris: *Saint on Guard*. (Mystery.)

Ferber: *Great Son*. (Story of three generations of Seattle millionaires.)

Graham: *Earth and High Heaven*. (The love story of a Jewish Canadian and an English Canadian in Quebec.)

Gunter: *Troubled Midnight*. (Constantinople in the early part of World War II.)

Hell: *Bridge to Brooklyn*. (Sequel to Centennial summer.)

Shellabarger: *Captain from Castile*. (Story of the conquest of Mexico in the 16th century.)

Careers

Bishop: *Winged Peace*. (Aviation.)

Jordanoff: *Power and Flight*. (Aviation.)

Horn: *This Fascinating Lumber Business*.

Johnson: *Your Career in Music*.

Games and Handicraft

Baxter: *Jewelry, Gem Cutting and Metalcraft*.

Leeming: *Fun with Clay*. (Modeling.)

Martin: *Roller Skating*.

Morehead: *The Modern Hoyle*.

Popular Mechanics: *Young Craftsman*.

Literature and Public Speaking

Chase: *The Bible and the Common Reader*.

Furman: *The Armchair Companion*.

Sanford: *Speak Well, and Win*.

World War II

Abercrombie: *My Life to the Destroyers*.

Brines: *Until They Eat Stones*. ("They" are the Japanese.)

Lin Yutang: *Vigil of a Nation*. (China under wartime conditions.)

Faust: *Fighting Wings*.

Stein: *What Am I Laughing At*. (Cartoons of Army life.)

Science

Mayr: *Birds of the Southwest Pacific*.

Truax: *Joseph Lister*.

Scheinfeld: *Women and Men*.

Humor

Thurber: *Thurber Carnival*. (Additional copies.)

Wilson: *I Am Gazing Into My Eight-Ball*.

Educational Services

The Educational Services Department, functioning at this hospital today, is a part of the rehabilitation program devised to send men back to duty after their convalescence better prepared for their Navy work.

In the event of discharge, further study of material related to trades and civilian skills, or special instruction toward a high school diploma is encouraged to facilitate that period of readjustment every service man must undergo upon his return to civilian life.

Do You Want a High School Diploma?

Men who have not completed high school are encouraged to contact the Educational Services Office to make the necessary arrangements for forwarding official certification of their military training to their schools. Each school will determine the number of credits allowed and advise the man of the exact courses required in order to graduate.

Recently, for example, the following response was received from a member of the Minneapolis, Minn., Board of Education: "Boys in the service are taking advantage of this service and we are glad to cooperate. This January we graduated twenty-two boys who used credits earned in the armed services."



Lapsed Insurance May Now Be Reinstated

WASHINGTON, D. C. (HSQNS) —Lapsed policies in the National Service Life Insurance Plan may be reinstated prior to expiration of the five-year, level-premium term period, according to recent liberalization of the reinstatement provisions.

"Say When" Features Chinese Troupers



Toy Yat Mar, husky-voiced singer and comedienne, was among the entertainers in the "Say When" USO Show given at Oak Knoll.

Kenneth Walker and his Chinese show, "Say When," direct from a tour of Chicago and the Middle West, entertained Oak Knoll Saturday, March 17th, in the Auditorium.

In these Follies, Walker brought the most photographed Chinese girls in the world, for they have been featured in "Life Magazine," "Pic," "Peek" and "Look." All are stars from San Francisco's Forbidden City, and their interpretations of the "Cock-eyed Mayor," the modern ballet and Hilo Hattie were riotous entertainment.

Soo Lan, the original Chinatown girl and fan dancer, chosen as the most beautiful Chinese girl in San Francisco, co-starred with Dorothy Sun, pixie-faced comedy dancer, in novelty dances that left the audience clamoring for more.

Toy Yat Mar, Oriental swing singer and comedienne extraordinaire, had her own husky-voiced version of popular novelty songs that are special favorites with the boys.

Ken Walker, who directs the show, is a world traveler and entertainer. It was while entertaining that he met Hitler in person, and became one of only two Americans to visit him in his fabulous secret retreat at Adelhorst. Ken still bears scars as a result of his 91 days' imprisonment by the Gestapo. He has made four trips overseas during this war to entertain men in all branches of the service. He has a son serving in the South Pacific.

Leatherneck

Marines! When you meet this Marine, heave to. Following is the record of Master Gunnery Sergeant **Edward Bald**, serial number 150-064, USMC, of 61-A. He has won more medals than most of us have ever seen. At this writing, he has the DSC, Navy Cross, Silver Star, Purple Heart, Croix De Guerre with Palm and Bronze Star, 1915 and 1919 Canadian Campaign Medals, 1915 Dominican Campaign Medals, Victory Medal with Five Battle Clasps, 1927 Yangtze Service Medal, Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal, Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal and the Good Conduct Ribbon with three Bars.

So far in this war he has participated in action against the Japs at Guadalcanal and has been in numerous other engagements. He has had 31 years' service and is still going strong. Bald has had a perfect record book. Salute to a real Marine!

Gunnery Sergeant **C. A. West** spoke Wednesday, March 14, at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, before the San Francisco Business Men's League.

Another speaker, only this time over NBC network, was **Lt. Victor Maghakian**, of 40-B, who spoke Saturday, March 17.

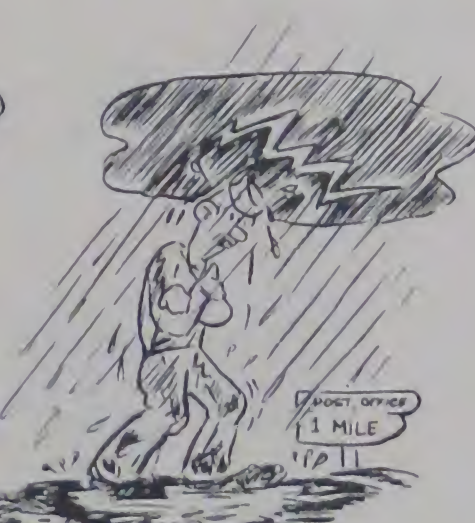
Again we ask you to help out on this blood situation. The boys from Iwo Jima are coming in and they need it!

85 Warrant Promotions In Hospital Corps

A total of 85 new warrant officers in the Hospital Corps were appointed on 15 February 1945. Promotions on that date also included seven chief pharmacists, appointed to the rank of lieutenant, junior grade, and 10 chief pharmacists, promoted to ensign in the Hospital Corps.

Housing Critical in Areas On East, West Coasts

Personnel transferred to Washington, D. C., Norfolk, Va., all Florida coastal cities and all West Coast cities are warned by Secretary of the Navy that housing conditions in these areas are so critical that definite arrangements for housing should be made before bringing families.



Caterpillar Bowlers Edge Out Hospital



Oak Knoll's squad fell before the bowlers from the Caterpillar plant in a match played here on March 12. The game was featured by mediocre bowling by both teams, the final score being 2459 to 2361. Reakes, with 535, was high man for the hospital. Left to right are members of the visiting team, Scorekeeper Ensign Gregor, Reakes, Dr. Harris, Pettey, Smits and King.

Eugene Cheek Is Victor In Pool Tournament

Eugene R. Cheek, F2c, a patient at the hospital, was crowned Pocket Billiard Champion of Oak Knoll when he defeated staff member Edward A. Whitright on Thursday, March 15. The final score was 50 to 41.

"Chief" Whitright at one stage in the game led by a score of 22 to 2 but was unable to hold the lead as Cheek began to click off the points with deadly accuracy. A total of eighteen pool sharks were entered in this tournament to choose a Base Champion.

Patients Bow to Staff In Pin Tilt, 2772-2439

The bowling supremacy of the Staff team over the Patient team was conclusively affirmed with a one-sided 2772-2439 score in a match between the two teams on Wednesday, March 14. Pettey led the Staff bowlers with a neat three-game total of 609.

McLaughlin was high man for the Patient Squad with 529, the only man on the team to break 500. Other scores for the victorious Staff team were: King, 537; Smits, 502; Haynie, 542; Reakes, 582. Pettey rolled the single high game with a 234.

Lost and Found

LOST—Silver ID Bracelet. Arthur Glenn Wilson, 822-34-14. Please return to the Oak Leaf Office.

Epidemiology Unit Leaves for Greece

On invitation of the Greek government a 14-man epidemiology unit left for Athens recently. Comdr. T. R. Meyer (MC) USNR, formerly attached to the Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N. Y., was named in command of the unit.

The unit will perform general public health duties and aid in eliminating the ravages left by the years of occupation throughout Greece. Commander Meyer will be assisted by Lt. Comdr. W. J. Dougherty (MC) USN, from an epidemiology unit at NATB, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Lt. Comdr. C. T. Carnahan H (S) USNR, from the Medical Battalion, Camp Lejeune, N. C., and Ens. L. P. Uhler H (S) USNR, an entomologist.

The unit's 10 enlisted men consists of six trained epidemiologists and four malariologists. Five men were drawn from epidemiology units at Camp Lejeune: Curtis O. Winkle, PhM1c; Donald M. Walsh, PhM2c; Edwin C. Green, PhM3c; Russell N. Anderson, PhM3c; and Plinio P. Discepola, HA1c.

Other enlisted men in the unit are: John E. Peters, PhM1c from NTC, Bainbridge, Md.; Joseph J. DiCarlo, PhM1c, from an epidemiology unit with ComSeven; Charles R. McGill, PhM1c, from Naval Medical School, Bethesda, Md.; Paul J. Januzzi, PhM1c, NOB, Norfolk, Va.; and William A. Kittrell, PhM1c, from an epidemiology unit with ComOne.

Scuttlebutt

They say **Doris Marsh** can't decide between Navy blue and Army khaki . . . For shame, Doris . . .

Aliph Carl of Physio Therapy has received an engagement ring from her patient, **Bob Fernandez** . . . That's what comes of holding hands . . .

Betty Schaefer is ping pong champ of Physio, and that goes for the boys, too . . . also the *Oak Leaf* staff . . .

Who was the frustrated looking sax player in the first row at the recent Corpsmen-Wave dance, and why was he so blue? . . . Or was it **Brown**? . . .

The Post Office crew thinks it has the Big Feet Champ of the compound in their midst . . . "**Higgins Boat**" **Kahl** is the name . . . Any challengers? . . .

Nan Ginter was taking X-rays the other day without plugging in the machine . . . Could it be she was worrying about one of her best **Pals, Johnny**? . . .

"Red Dog" and "Sea Bag" were quite the Play boys for a little while . . . But then they began to consume all the profits . . .

The MAA force is anxiously awaiting the outcome of **Don Fox's** latest romance . . . Poor guy . . . A furloughing doggie is really giving him some trouble . . .

A certain Marine named **Johnny** really keeps the trail hot between the Detachment and the Civil Readjustment Office, trying to keep tab on **Harriet Paris** . . .

High Bowlers of the Week

Men

Wurman	245
Petty	609

Women

Ens. I. Thompson	194
Ens. M. Hocking	361

Humor

Cook: "Can you dress a chicken?"

Boot: "Not on the money the Navy is paying me."

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C. O. (inspecting quarters): "Could you explain how all those empty bottles came into your room?"

Chief: "I don't know, sir. I never brought any empty bottles to my room yet."

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Cop: "You were speeding."

Corpsman: "Well, the brakes don't work, so I was hurrying to get back to Oak Knoll before I had an accident."

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Sailor: "I can't see what keeps you girls from freezing."

Girl: "Silly, you're not supposed to."

Cornerstone Ceremonies For New Naval Hospital

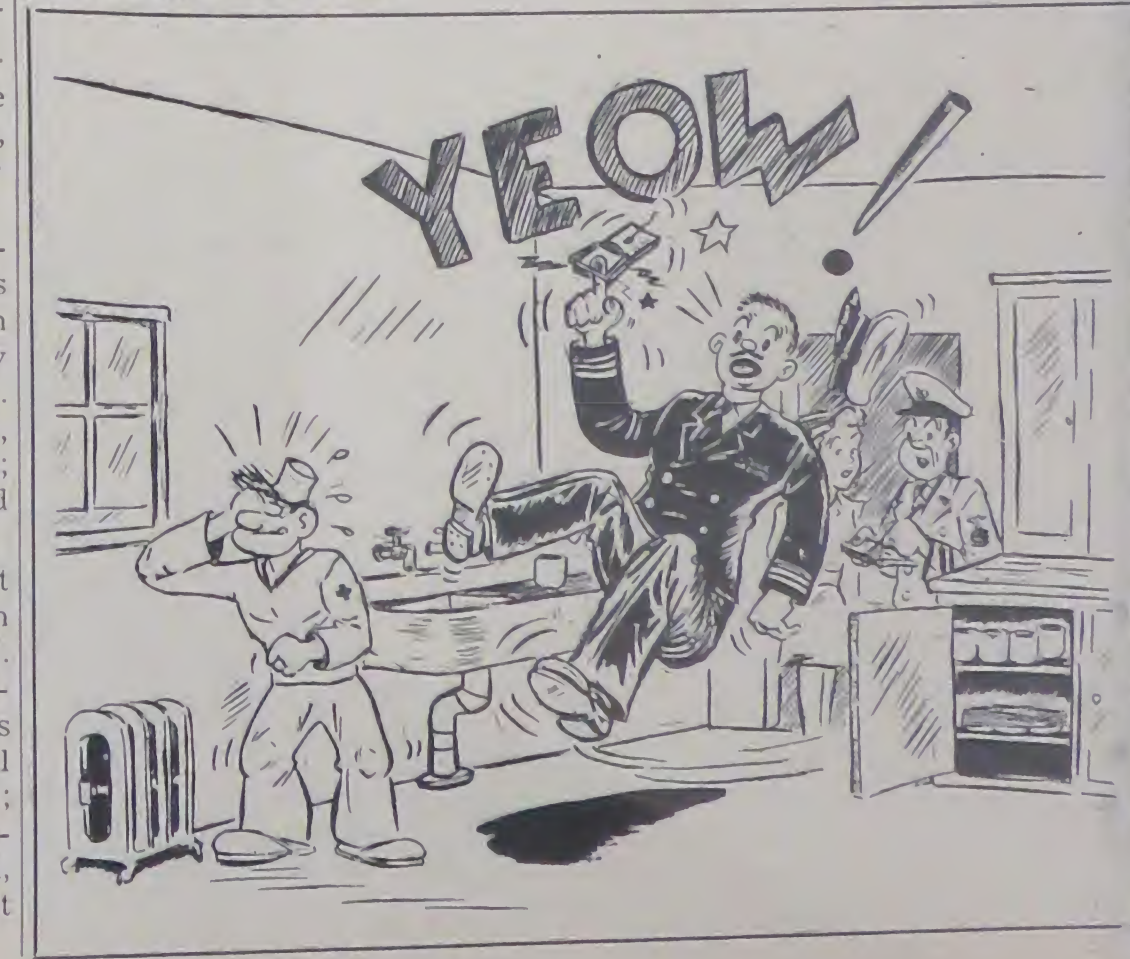
HOUSTON, Tex., (HCQNS)—The cornerstone of the new 1000-bed naval hospital to be erected here was laid Saturday, 20 March with elaborate ceremonies. The site of the new hospital was given to the Navy by the Anderson Foundation, philanthropic group planning a civic medical center. After the war, USNH, Houston, Tex., may become a part of the center.

USNH, Farragut, Idaho, Gets New Facilities

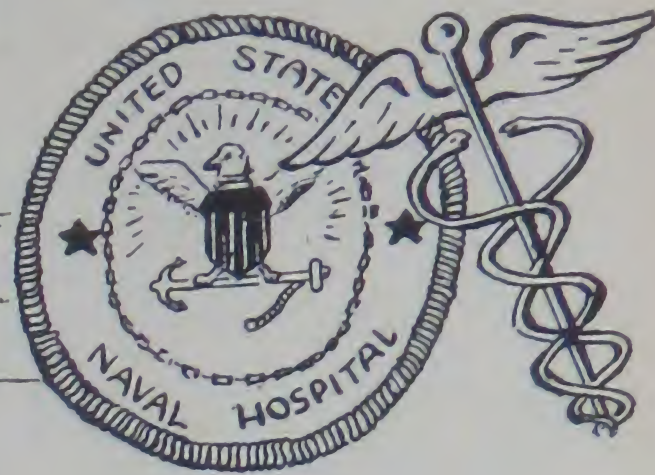
WASHINGTON, D. C. (HCQNS)—Decommissioning of NTC, Farragut, Idaho, as a recruit training center was announced by the Secretary of the Navy. The facility will serve as an overflow camp, for retraining of personnel. The facilities of Camp Bennion are turned over to the hospital and Hospital Corps School.

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Men Awarded Purple Heart At Citations

Thirteen sailors and six marines were honored with Purple Hearts at a ceremony held in the office of Captain Dearing on Thursday afternoon, March 22. The legal officer, Mr. Comstock, read the citations and Captain Dearing presented the decorations and congratulated the men.

Two Officers Honored

The two officers among the men receiving the Purple Heart were Lt. G. A. Gabbert and Lt. Merle Prinkey. Lt. Gabbert, a flyer, crashed his plane while taking off from a Philippine airstrip not entirely wrested from the enemy. Lt. Prinkey, an officer aboard an LCI, was wounded at the Leyte beachhead.

HA1c D. Perry, Jr., was injured during the Tinian campaign, while S1c S. E. Thompson received his wounds on Saipan during an enemy air raid. T. H. Hufstetler was hurt in the Marianas area when his ship was bombed by Japanese planes.

The other sailors honored, all of whom were wounded during some phase of the Philippine campaign, were: S1c A. Paloutzian, StM1c G. B. Spaulding, S1c J. L. Bray, S1c L. L. Birkla, StM2c P. R. Ellison, S1c T. J. Gibbs, Coxswain C. L. Meredith.

The six marines who received the Purple Heart were: Pfc. Harry N. Holloway, Pfc. John H. Powers, Pfc. Charles W. Padgett, Pfc. Harold N. Leachman, Pfc. Robert C. Ferandes, and Pfc. Judson C. Grey. Details of their exploits will be found in the Leatherneck column in a coming issue.

For a picture of the ceremony, turn to page 4.

Fixed Text Messages Available for Vets

The Chief of Naval Operations announced that fixed text-fixed rate telegraphic messages would be available to personnel returning from overseas beginning 19 March. A number of messages announcing safe arrival on stateside is offered at a cost of 25 cents each.



Easter



"There is a throne and a cross in every life. If self is on the throne, Christ is on the Cross. If self is on the Cross, Christ is on the throne."

—Borden of Yale.



Naval Officers' Wives Club Schedules Luncheon for April 4 at Claremont

There is to be a luncheon of the Naval Officers' Wives Club Wednesday, April 4, 1945, at the

Claremont Hotel, Ashby and Claremont Avenues, Berkeley, in the Bamboo Room at 12:30 P.M. All wives of Commissioned Officers of the Navy and the Coast Guard and their guests are cordially invited.

The Hostesses for the luncheon are Mrs. Richard Sproule and Mrs. Spencer Kemp. The entertainment of the day is to be a "White Elephant Auction," the proceeds of which are to be donated to the Club treasury. The wives are urged to bring any saleable objects which they might have.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made with Mrs. J. L. Hutcheson at GLencourt 0457, or at the Naval Officers' Wives Club desk in the Leamington Hotel on the Mezzanine, phone TWinoaks 2412.

Red Cross Expresses Thanks to Hospital

The American Red Cross on this compound wishes to express its deep appreciation of the generous support given by the Staff, Patients and Civilian Employees of this hospital to the annual War Fund drive. A special thank-you goes to the representatives in each department who canvassed personally, and to the WAVES who spent extra time on the wards and at the pay line. Up to now, \$3314.16 has been turned in. It is our hope that Red Cross will always justify your faith.

BERNIECE ENSIGN,
Field Director.

Have You Given Blood For Oak Knoll Patients?

Ten Girls in Race for Queen Title

Oak Knoll's "Queen of the Purple Hearts" contest swung into action on Monday, March 26th, with widespread interest being shown on the compound and a gratifying turnout of first-day voters.

Already ten girls are in the running, with more expected in the near future as departments get organized for the drive to procure blood for Oak Knoll patients and to elect a queen.

Several points need to be emphasized in regard to the contest which will end May 25, with Coronation Ceremonies slated for Monday evening, May 28, at an all-staff affair.

All those who have given blood at the Blood Bank since the opening of the local unit are entitled to a vote. These persons are urged to vote immediately, as the privilege may be withdrawn in the final stages of the drive.

It is also emphasized that this is not primarily a beauty contest. It is a drive for blood for Oak Knoll patients, and that popular girl who will have the most people give blood and vote for her will be the undisputed "Queen of the Purple Hearts."

Purple Heart Queen Contest

FIRST RETURNS

Sgt. Helen Erickson Hamilton	3
Martha McGee	3
Margaret "Mickey" Finn	2
Phyllis Glenn	2
Virginia Lee	2
Maggie Moore	2
Tex Bennett	1
Rogene Bolander	1
Nan Ginter	1
Helen Lloyd	1

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• Easter—1945

"Most French and Italian children under six years of age are now suffering running sores from malnutrition." This recent statement from an eyewitness of the tragedy of starving Europe stings the conscience of Americans who eat steaks, enjoy fresh vegetables, eggs and butter each week without fail.

Very soon, perhaps, 200,000,000 persons in Germany, Italy and France will be looking to us for their daily bread. It is estimated that in central Europe, France and Italy there will be more than 70,000,000 persons without shoes and clothing for the coming winter. Poland, says a London dispatch, has lost nearly *one-third* of its population in death, wounded war prisoners and deportations.

America, proud of its Christian heritage, is not afraid to face these facts: the dull stare of broken men, the sobs of neurotic women and the tears of dying children. We are not blameless, and we know it. However, when we come face to face with the misery of our neighbors across the sea, two questions will confront us:

1. Are we as a nation capable of raising the food and supplying the materials immediately necessary for the reconstruction of Europe?

2. If we are capable, will we do it?

For the answer to the first question we look to experts. But that second question is coming at us like an avalanche. Ours is the problem that faced the rich young ruler, and this it will continue to be as long as we have plenty while our neighbors starve. That young sophisticate decided he was more concerned with his own comfortable standard of living than he was with his neighbors in rags.

What is our answer to pain and need? What is our answer to the Christ on the Cross? Dare we tighten our belts of our own free will? Dare we be good Samaritans? Dare we take Easter seriously? Dare we know life through love that counts not the cost?

"God, pity us if we refuse You now."

—H. P.

• "We Have Just Begun to Fight"

"Navy Won't Be Cut on V-E Day, Admiral King Reports." So read the headlines. These are welcome but painful words to men in the Navy.

We are in this thing because we hope for something better than fascist tyranny. For this "something" we live or die. But sacrifice is painful, and we are tempted to say, "We've done our part, now let the younger men finish it." It takes courage to say anything else. Yet, individual lives, homes and communities are wrecked when we fail to bear the *total* load. And, when nations try the "let Jones do it" plan, they always bring destruction on their own people.

It is for the good of all nations that Britain should continue in the war against Japan, though British seamen, like ourselves, have families they would like to get back to. They simply have a job to be done, and they are going to see it through. We cannot do less.

Catholic Group Presents Easter Program



These five young women were members of the fine choral ensemble of the National Catholic Community Services. Left to right: Rosemary Byrne, Jane Dabovich, Betty Anderson, Teckla Rigoli, and Dorothy Hastings.

The National Catholic Community Services Chorus, under the direction of Rene Sarazen, presented an Easter Program in the Auditorium on Tuesday evening, March 27. The beautiful singing of the group and the reverent tableaux presented thrilled the audience.

The program opened with a tableau featuring a Sailor, Marine and

Soldier while a guest sailor soloist with the group sang "The Lord's Prayer." More songs appropriate to the Holy Week and two tableaux completed the program.

The NCCS Choral Ensemble was brought to Oak Knoll through the cooperation of the USO and the Welfare and Recreation Department.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"Easter"

Easter to the Christian is a day of the deepest spiritual significance. It means more than simply a day of rest and worship such as Sunday. It has a richer and more abiding joy than Christmas with its carols which gladden the heart and bring peace to troubled minds. Since the many different branches of the Christian Church in the weeks immediately preceding Easter meditate upon the events of those last days of our Lord's earthly ministry, His teaching, His betrayal and denial, His suffering and death on the Cross, His burial, it includes every emotion known to the human heart. Easter is the grand climax of the Christian year when Christians celebrate the bodily resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ from the dead, proving beyond all doubt His deity and giving assurance of eternal life to those who believe in Him.

As the casualty lists mount higher, Easter this year takes on an added significance. It reminds us of the fact that our heroic Christian dead who have given that last full measure of devotion to God and country still live; that we shall see them again in fairer worlds on high.

Let us, therefore, join the angels in their Easter message: "He is not here: for He is risen."

CHAPLAIN CHARLES DANA CHRISMAN.

It is shortsighted for any nation to try to be neutral where human values are at stake, and our own nation has finally learned this. We are not interested in straddling the fence. The burden of this war is our burden. Quislings and surveyitis notwithstanding.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.
Sunday: Morning Worship—0930.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Vespers—1800.
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.
Discussion Group (alternating Mondays and Tuesdays in Chapel)—1730.
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplains—R. V. Cronin, J. P. Corley.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830 and 1100.
Weekday Mass—0650 and 1640.
Confessions—Daily, before Mass; Saturdays at 1900; on the Thursday before each first Friday at 1900.
Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.

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Patients From Iwo Jima Tell of Rugged Battle

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Here are uncensored remarks of patients at Oak Knoll as they tell of their most exciting moments while in the Armed Service.)

This week the entire column is dedicated to heroes returned from Iwo Jima. Returned from hallowed ground, stained with the blood of 10,000 American boys. Stained so that great B-29's might have a new nest from which to fly "On a Bomber's Moon" to the heart of the mad Japanese Empire. The lads are all in Ward 42-A.

Iwo Jima

RAY W. AVERETT, Cpl., USMCR, of Birmingham, Alabama, says: "We got here from Iwo last Friday. America looks like a beautiful dream to us. I was a visual signalman for B Company, 27th Marines. I was running a trunk line up for communications to a platoon pinned down in a pocket. Shells struck all around me. They hit so close so many times I knew I had a charmed life.

"Well . . . I managed to get that trunk line through. Then I was given an order to go back and run lines to other platoons about to move up.

"That's when I got it," Ray continued. "A sniper nailed me in the hip. It sort of stung. I managed to drag myself about 100 yards back to safety and here I am at Oak Knoll Hospital."

JOHN D. CAMPBELL, Pfc, USMC, of Rochester, New York, said: "It was hotter than hell itself on Iwo Jima. The first day was worst of all. But there was never a time when danger and death did not stalk you night and day.

"I got my wound when we were making an advance on Motoyami village air strip in the center of the island. The Third Division was securing the center of the island. I had moved about 250 yards forward in a hail of gun and mortar fire. Then a sniper got me. It was a freak wound. The bullet went through my hip on the left side, just missed the spine and continued through my body to break the right arm. I'm a lucky boy!"

HERMAN GREENBERG, Cpl., USMCR, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, relates: "We were moving forward and came to a ravine which seemed to be alive with Jap machine gunners, mortar crews and snipers. The Japs were doing a good job of pinning us down and holding up our advance."

"There appeared to be a machine gun nest on my right. I crawled to the top of a terrace and started shooting at it. But for some strange reason the nest seemed silent.

"Then, another machine gun nest started firing on us from the

left. The sergeant brought up an American machine gun and we began spraying them. Suddenly I saw one Jap come out of hiding. I stood up and started shooting at him. Another Jap lobbed a mortar shell at me. He hit me all right and here I am back in a U. S. hospital."

ANDREW PALENZA, Pfc, USMC, of Hartford, Connecticut, says: "Those Nips had us dead to rights during most of the fighting. They had all terraces and pillboxes measured for fixed ranges. Bits of colored cloth and other queer means of identification were used by them to spot the fixed ranges. So when we advanced on a pillbox the Japs simply used the fixed ranges and dropped mortar shells right on top of us. I saw men get their heads blown off. Saw legs and arms flying in the air. It was the worst experience any of us ever had. You kind of went about in a daze of black volcanic ash and noise and cries for help and pain.

"I was on a spotting team," said Palenza. "We landed on a cliff. After a time we managed to get up to the second terrace. The Japs were looking right down on us from above. They were firing from little caves which seemed to be cut everywhere in sides of the cliffs.

"Every time guys bunched up, the Nips would toss a mortar shell right into the middle of them. They were making direct hits on jeeps and tractors.

"It was on that second terrace that I got hit," Palenza continued. "I crawled down the beach in a daze. I could feel Jap bullets hitting all around me, so when I came to a shell hole, I just fell in. A mortar shell hit outside my shell hole in a spot I had just vacated."

CHAS. H. DOBBS, Cpl., USMC, of Atlanta, Georgia, said: "The Nips got me on the fifth day. Though how I lasted that long, I'll never know. We were carrying wounded guys to the rear on stretchers. We had been doing that in an automatic way and lost count of how many times we waded back and forth through the Nip fire.

"In my case it was sort of like the old adage of 'Going to the Well Too Often.' I was hit by a Jap sniper bullet. And my active duty status on Iwo changed abruptly."

WAYNE FRIEDLINE, Cpl., USMCR, of Hollisport, Pennsylvania, tells: "I had been in the thick of fighting on Iwo for 10 days. We moved methodically forward through pillboxes. But we were paying a price for almost every yard. I was with the battalion commander when a Jap machine gunner drew the pay-off bead on me. My commander sent

Navy Mothers Do Vital, Unsung Work



Above are seen a group of Navy mothers at work in their office on the top deck of the Old Administration Building. Left to right, they are: Mrs. Ida Clark, Mrs. Mary Street, Mrs. Dorothy Abbott, Mrs. Ha May Kelley, Mrs. Florence Hudson, Mrs. Edna Oakes, Mrs. Charlotte Bell and Mrs. Lida Jensen.

Hit Pictures Coming In Next Two Weeks

The first two weeks of April will be featured by the presentation of some excellent movies at Oak Knoll. So watch these dates and be on hand for a thrilling evening.

"A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," the tender picturization of the best seller, will be shown Tuesday, April 3. On Thursday, April 5, Cronin's "Keys of the Kingdom" will grace the local screen. "Song of Bernadette," Werfel's beautiful portrait of a saint, will be shown Tuesday, April 10. On Thursday, April 12, "Thunderhead" will be the picture.

All Officers are requested to see these movies the night following at the Officers' Club, as the Balcony of the Auditorium is reserved primarily for disabled officers and those unable to get to the Officers' Club.

me back for treatment and transfer here."

WILLIAM CHAS. RUBY, Cpl., USMCR, of Ashland, Ohio, says: "The Nips got me on D-Day plus 10. I was on the northeastern end of Iwo. A platoon leader and I were looking for the 'C.P.' We had been sent to fill in a gap between our company and the right flank. The heavy Jap fire had literally mowed that gap in our lines. Our special mission was to locate and define the gap.

"The officer with me got hit," said Ruby. "I went back to get a corpsman to assist me in saving the officer. Just after we managed to make it back to the wounded officer, I took a hit from a machine gun."

Five days a week a group of patriotic Navy Mothers may be seen at work in their office on the top deck of the Post Office Building. This organization, numbering at least fifty workers at Oak Knoll, supply a great many of the bandages used on the compound.

The work done at this hospital is under the co-chairmanship of Mrs. John D. Kennedy and Mrs. Lida Jensen. Oak Knoll expresses its deep gratitude for this valuable volunteer service.

In Your Opinion

"What is Oak Knoll's greatest need?"

Edward Savoth, S1c:

"I would like to see a Juke Box installed somewhere in Ship's Service for guys like me who would like to listen to some good jive now and then."

Lenore Gates, HA2c:

"Oak Knoll's greatest need? More tall men!"

Ruel Atwell, BM1c:

"I think we should have afternoon movies, especially on the days when there is a dance in the evening. A lot of men get turned away because there just isn't room."

Hugh Rayner, HA1c:

"Oak Knoll's greatest need is a gym for recreation and physical fitness of both patients and staff. It would come in very handy for the compound's athletic teams."

Kenneth Stevens, BM2c:

"It seems to me a bigger recreation center and Ship's Service is the greatest need right now. They do a swell job there, but things are pretty crowded most of the time."

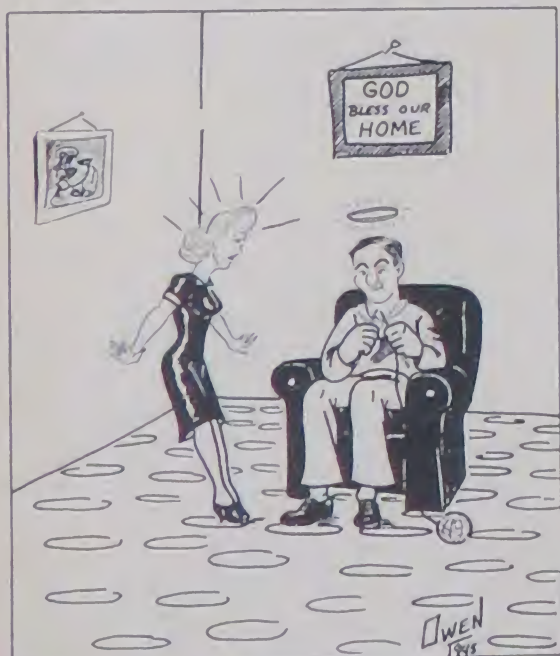
Purple Heart Winners Congratulated



Captain A. H. Dearing (MC) USN congratulates two of the nineteen men who received the Purple Heart at a citations ceremony on March 22. Both officers and both veterans of the Philippines campaign, the men are Lt. G. A. Gabbert and Lt. Merle Prinkey.

Dental Officer First Prisoner to Return

Lt. Emmet L. Manson (DC) USNR, liberated from Cabanatuan prison, was the first of all the American prisoners rescued from the Japs in the Philippines campaign to return to this country. Lt. Manson arrived in San Francisco by plane in advance of the first Navy group to return. He spent a year in Bilibid before being transferred to Cabanatuan, and was wounded on Corregidor before its fall.



The above cartoon is the work of another of the talented artists who are or have been Oak Knoll residents. AM3c Boyd J. Owen, recently transferred to Santa Cruz, has done freelance cartooning and illustrating for western magazines.

Mills College Has Easter Services

On Easter Sunday, April 1, there will be a College Communion Service at 7:30 a. m. in Wetmore Lodge. This non-denominational service will be conducted by Dr. Hedley and Dr. Diller, according to the usage of the Mills College Chapel.

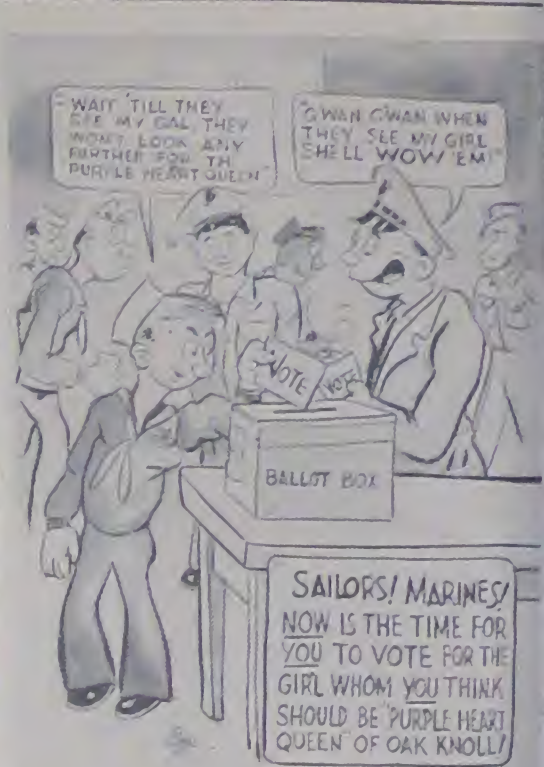
Electric Co. Pledges War Bonds for Hospital

As part of their contribution to the 7th War Loan Drive to begin soon, Lamp Department employees of G-E here pledged purchases sufficient to account for supplies and expendable equipment used in an entire year at USNH, St. Albans, N. Y.

Lost and Found

LOST—Gold and black Eversharp Pencil with initials L.S.R. Please return to Oak Leaf Office. Reward.

LOST—Black billfold containing money, railroad ticket to Seattle, and leave papers. Go to Oak Leaf Office to contact owner.



Bill Asks Continued Pay For 12-Month Period

A bill introduced into the Senate on 7 March 1945 asks that pay of members of the armed forces be continued for a period of 12 months following discharge from service.

BM1c (at Ship's Company dance): "Yes, miss, I love dancing. It is probably in my blood."

Partner: "Then you must have bad circulation—it hasn't got to your feet yet."

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Outside a little church near Los Angeles we noticed the following poster announcing the Sunday's sermon: "Do you know what hell is?" Underneath that question and in smaller type was printed: "Come in and hear our new organist."

Does Tapestry Work



Above is pictured Robert Welker, Seaman 1c, USN, of Little Rock, Arkansas, and presently stationed in Ward 65-A. Welker learned to do the colorful tapestry work as a hobby at Oak Knoll. We see Welker in action here with needle and thread. He has done a number of effective war memorial tapestries, sending them home to the wife to keep as remembrances of his stay here in the hospital.

Marines on Iwo Jima

Out of the ages distant, dark and dim

*Where decency and courage, twins, were born
Leaped a new flame to Suribachi's rim,*

*Towering high against the sullen morn,
The sullen sea. It rose, fell, rose again,*

*Burned deep, burned steep, burned bright, burned
fiercely clean,*

*Red from young hearts and nourished rich by pain,
Fed from the crater of the soul unseen.*

*So creeps the flame from slope to beach to mountain,
Short inch by inch, short life on lava spread,
And black ash from the old volcanic fountain,
Sweetens with white ash of the dearly dead;
So sweeps the fire till Iwo is consumed,
Cleansed by such sacrifice as God designed
To keep man's little beastliness entombed,
And all man's hope and selflessness enshrined.*

*So small the land, so vast the angered sea,
So grim the morn, so tall and clear the flame,
So short the life, so long eternity
No one man's hour is everlasting fame;
Yet in this little time, this little space,
On this bleak island a repository
Was built by human hands and heaven's grace
For all men's glory.*

—WIN BROOKS, Boston Evening American.

Saturday, 31 March, 1945

Off the Bookshelf

Of the many new books which have come into the library this week, we can mention only a few:

Fiction

Beymer: 12:20 p. m. (*Adventures of a South Dakotan Fighting Nazism on His Own.*)
 Power: *Cabin Fever.* (Western.)
 Sherbinin: *By Bread Alone.* (A story of Americans, Dutch and Germans in Argentina.)
 Roberts: *Royal Street:* a novel of old New Orleans.
 Strange: *Murder Gives a Lovely Light.* (Mystery.)
 Tayer: *The Old Goat.* (An American story of three generations.)
 Thomason: *Marines and Others.* (Short stories.)
 Vescott: *Apartment in Athens.* (Story of German inhumanity in Greece.)

Radio

American Radio Relay League: *The A.R.R.L. Antenna Book, 1944.*
 Veritt: *Fundamentals of Radio*
 Winder: *Servicing Superheterodynes.*

Telephone and Electrical Communication

Albert: *Electrical Fundamentals of Communication.*
 Albert: *Electrical Communication.*
 Albert: *Fundamentals of Telephony.*

American Telephone and Telegraph Company: *Principles of Electricity Applied to Telephone and Telegraph Work.*

Electricity

Ausmann: *Elements of Electricity.*
 Hunt: *Electricity for Everyone.*

Other Technical Books

The Brown & Sharpe Handbook: *A Guide for Young Machinists.*
 Burghardt: *Machine Tool Operation.*
 Graham: *Audels Pumps, Hydraulics and Air Compressors.*
 Graham: *Audels Sheet Metal Workers Handy Book for Pattern Layout Men.*
 Graham: *Audels Welders' Guide.*
 Green: *Audels Diesel Engine Manual.*
 Sterling: *Marine Engineers' Handbook.*
 Greene: *How to Create Cartoons; a Textbook for Class or Self-instruction.*

K. of C. Show Is Hit at Hospital

A gay variety show was on tap at the Auditorium Monday, March 26, brought here by the Oakland Knights of Columbus. Featuring almost every conceivable type of entertainment, the evening's festivities drew prolonged applause from the packed audience.

After a fast number by Charlie Dring and his orchestra, Mrs. Perry introduced Ray Horan, Chairman of the War Activities of the Oakland Council, and he in turn introduced Fred Braue, the MC. A nimble-witted and nimble-fingered gent, Braue kept the show moving smoothly.

Star of the show was an ex-serviceman, Charles Aaron, who had just completed a dancing role in a Hollywood production. His fast tapping and monologue earned him many encores.

Johnny O'Malley pleased with his lyric Irish tenor voice, and pretty Kaye Madison kept the GI's entranced with her selections from light opera. Bert Hansen did some rowdy ventriloquizing and Johnny Toffoli proved to be an exceptionally fine accordionist.

Interpolating terpsichorean beauty here and there in the program were the shapely Rae Baker Girls, who are no strangers to Oak Knoll shows and have always been well received.

Music

Ewen: *Dictators of the Baton.* (Symphonic conductors and their famous orchestras.)
 Hall: *The Record Book.* A music lover's guide to the world of the phonograph.

Literature

Cunliffe: *Century Readings in English Literature.*
 Gassner: *Twenty Best Film Plays.*
 Wolseley: *Exploring Journalism.*

Biography

Berger: *The Eight Million.* Journal of a New York correspondent.
 Fast: *Haym Salomon, Son of Liberty.* (A Jewish patriot who helped Washington win the Revolutionary War.)
 Holm: *Sunday Best.* The story of a Philadelphia family.
 Mason: *The Life of Francis Drake.*
 Teale: *Dune Boy.* The early years of a naturalist.

Educational Services

Still Interested in the Old "Beat"?

In answer to many requests from patients who want up-to-the-minute straight dope on combat theaters they have recently left, the Educational Services is going to hold round-tables and lectures in current events twice a week—on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

These news roundups are open to all patients in the Rehab Educational program and will be held in Classroom A, topdeck of the Marine Detachment, at 0900.

Actually, the news sessions are only one of several kinds of "special-interest" classes to be held each morning, same time, same place. Other programs will cover everything from house building to horticulture, photography and small business. Anything you'd like to hear discussed will be considered if you drop a note into the suggestion box in Classroom A.

Staff personnel will conduct the sessions, aided on occasion by guest lecturers, including qualified patients.

Patients in the Rehab Educational program will be excused from classes to attend events in which they have a special interest.

Watch the bulletin board at Educational Services for each week's program.

Former PhM3c Winner in Service Play Contest

Ens. Bernard Dryer H(S) USNR, recently appointed from the rate of pharmacist's mate 3c, was the first winner in the playwriting contest sponsored by the National Theater Conference for service men. His play was the only one penned by a Navy man to be selected among the first six winners announced. It was broadcast over the Blue network on 12 March. Ens. Dryer is attached to Bumed in the Audio-Visual branch.

Leatherneck

All of you readers who have been following this column know that our purpose is to keep you informed on the latest happenings about Marines here on the compound. This week we are going to vary from that point a slight degree and devote this column to one main topic that is on everyone's lips. Iwo Jima!

Today we are dedicating this column to the Marines that participated in the battle for that island in the Pacific, so let me present a few of the Marines who helped to conquer Iwo Jima.

First there is **Frank Archibeque** from New Mexico, who was wounded in the left leg, and then there was **Ray Averett, Jr.**, of Alabama, who got it in the right leg. **John Campbell** of Illinois has many wounds all over his body. **Charles Dobbs** of Georgia has a compound fracture of his left leg. **Allen Escobedo** of Los Angeles received a gunshot wound for doing his duty.

I could go on for pages telling you the individual wounds that different fellows received as a result of Iwo Jima, but instead I will just list the names of a few more of them: **Donald Fisher** of Michigan, **Wayne Freidline** of Pennsylvania, **Herman Greenberg** of Pennsylvania, **Kenneth Lillie** of Pennsylvania, **Byron Meadows** of Alabama, **Andrew Palejza** of Connecticut, **Ellis Reno** of California, **William Ruby**, **Ernest Schaskas** of Ohio, **Joe Stefani** of Massachusetts, **Floyd Williams** of Florida and **Warren Winters** of Illinois.

This short list of names go to show that it takes the whole U.S.A. as a unit to do anything right. So keep pitching, fellows, and we wish you a speedy recovery.

Sgt. Helen Erickson Hamilton of the Civil Readjustment Office is in the running for "Queen of the Purple Heart." Let's get down to the Blood Bank and give a pint and a vote for this popular Marine. If you have already given blood here, you have a vote coming.

Seabee youngster: "Daddy, give me a nickel to buy an ice cream cone."

Kid's father: "Shut up, and drink your beer."



These Three Students Showed the Master



Bowler Frank Benkovich demonstrates his grip to three of Oak Knoll's pin stars. Left to right: John Reakes, Ray Sanges, Mr. Benkovich and Tom Felix.

Frank Benkovich Gives Instruction

Frank Benkovich, one of the nation's top bowlers, with an enviable record in ABC competition, came to Oak Knoll on Wednesday, March 21. He came, saw, and was conquered—by three of the hospital's pin stars.

Reakes, Sanges and Felix each bowled a game against the genial master, and each won by a decisive margin. The score with Reakes as opponent was 204-178; with Sanges, 201-146; with Felix, 196-176. The superb bowling of the local men, coupled with his unfamiliarity with the alleys, were the principal causes for Mr. Benkovich's defeat.

After the matches, Mr. Benkovich entertained with an assortment of trick shots and in the evening he obliged with personal instruction for all hands.

An amiable and pleasant individual, Benkovich's appearance was appreciated by all. He is expected to return for another visit in the near future.

Quarterly Lists Medics On Asiatic Station

The May issue of the Hospital Corps Quarterly will include a list of Medical Department personnel on the Asiatic Station on 7 December, 1941, with information, wherever possible, concerning their fates when the Japs overran Navy facilities in the Pacific. Readers will be asked to verify this information and provide further details in an effort to determine present whereabouts of these men. The list, which includes nearly 500 hospital corpsmen, has been compiled by Lt. Ben F. Dixon (HC) USN, Bumed archivist.

Bowling Team Defeats Albany 2649-2639

Oak Knoll's bowling team traveled to Albany on the evening of March 23 to face the Naval Landing Force Equipment Depot and came back with a victory after a tense struggle. Trailing by 50 pins with two frames to go, the hospital boys put on a last-minute spurt that brought them a 10-pin margin. The final score was 2649-2639.

Felix led the Oak Knoll team with a neat 565 for three games, and Reakes was second with 547. Ruggles had 533, Pettey 510 and Smits 494. Pettey finished with a string of four strikes, which was largely instrumental in clinching the victory.

Lawrence of the Albany team was high man for that squad with 574. Felix rolled the high single game of 213.

Adm. Nimitz Commends Hospital Corps Officer

Lt. Paul R. Cox (HC) USN was awarded a commendation ribbon by Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz for performance of medical duties during the Saipan and Tinian campaigns. Lt. Cox was responsible for the medical supplies provided for the landings and the evacuation of casualties which "by his high professional skill he directed . . . in a highly efficient manner."

High Bowlers of the Week

Men	
Single—Smits	259
Double—Keiswater	455
Triple—Keiswater	602
Women	
Single—Thompson	188
Double—Hocking	363

Scuttlebutt

Thompson of Surgery 1 was seen walking around the compound the other night with a red lantern. . . . The lantern was also lit. . . .

Note to G. B. Barbero: The cooks from Commissary 1 would like you to pitch one more big one with them before putting on the ball and chain. . . . How about it?

Gilmore is conceded to be the Romeo of the Dental Clinic. . . . Too bad we're not going to have a Purple Heart king. . . .

Poor Holt is suffering from poison oak. . . . They say there is a lot of that stuff around the Wave Barracks. . . .

"Gung Ho" Flowers' motto is "Let's all work together, boys." . . . Don't let it get you down, mates. . . . "Say it with Flowers." . . .

The sensitive corpsmen of Surgery 1 would like Torchy Haynes to learn the meaning of that little three-letter word, MEN, when put on a door. . . . Like Esquire, it's for men only, Torchy. . . .

There's no accounting for tastes note: When Jones and Avery go out together, he specializes in boilermakers and she drinks tea! . . .

Who was it that accepted a position, became slightly inebriated, was discharged from his employment, refused any remuneration, and was tenderly wafted homeward by a shipmate in a downpour all in the same evening? . . .

Maggie Moore's heart is still up at San Leandro, but that's so-o-o far away and there's that handsome brute at the main gate. . . .

Cramer may be a sailor, but he's

Humor

Prayer of an advertising man's child: "Give us this day our daily Golden crust, slo-baked, whole wheat bread."

Lady: "Do those tattoo marks wash off?"

Sailor: "I really wouldn't know ma'am."

MAA: "Did anyone lose a roll of bills around this barracks with a rubber band around them?"

HA2c: "Yes, sir, I did."

MAA: "Well, I've found the rubber band."

"Scotty, do you believe in the old saying that 'A friend in need is a friend indeed'?"

"Aye, that I do, stranger."

A little man walked to the box office, bought a ticket and went in. A few minutes later he returned, bought another ticket and again went inside. Three times the same thing happened. By the fourth time the girl in the box office was completely perplexed and asked "Why do you keep buying tickets to go into the theater?"

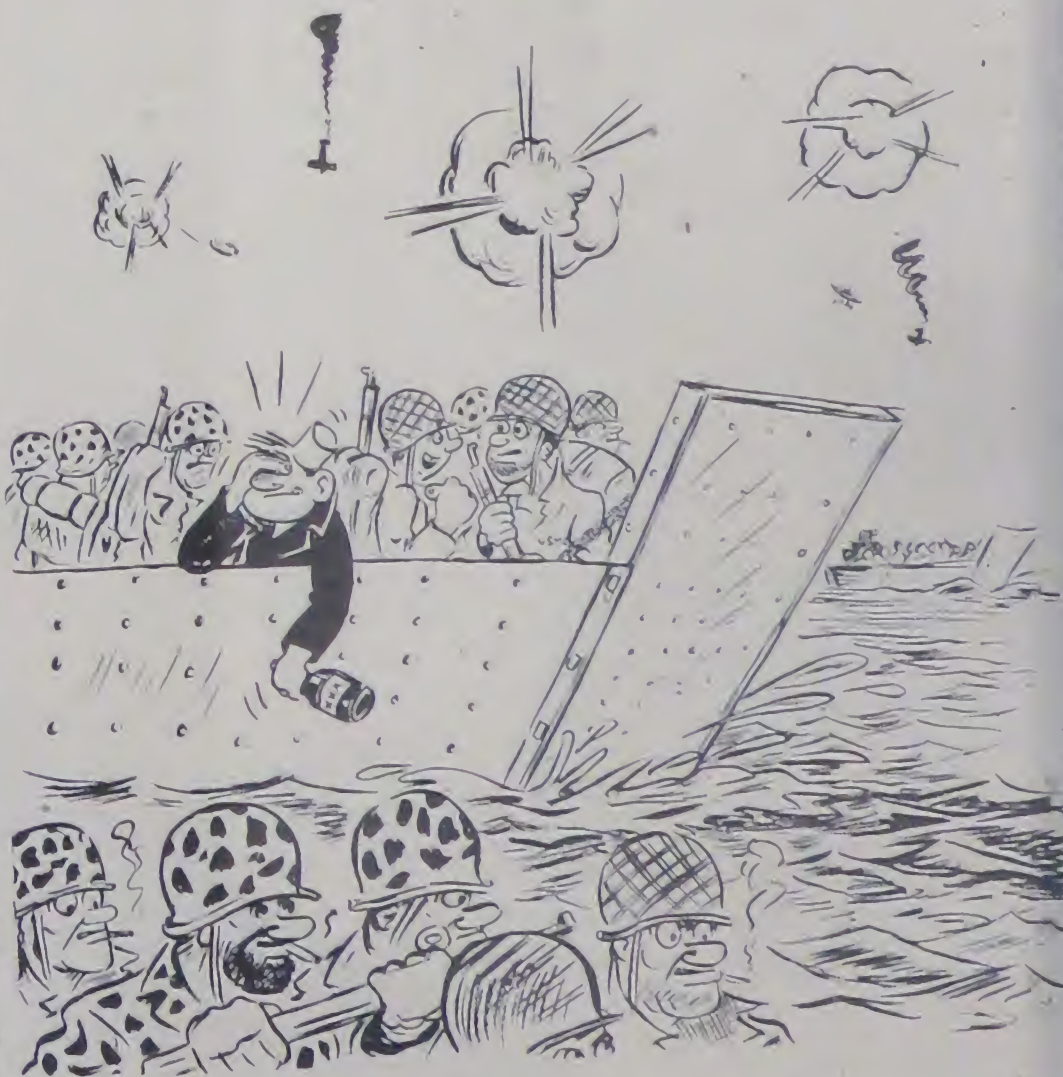
"It's not my fault," replied the little man. "They keep tearing them up every time I go inside."

still the pin-up boy of the Marine guards. . . .

On her morning rounds Margi Salters of 41A manages to see her favorite boy friends in all the departments, but her heart still belongs to Surgery 1. . . .

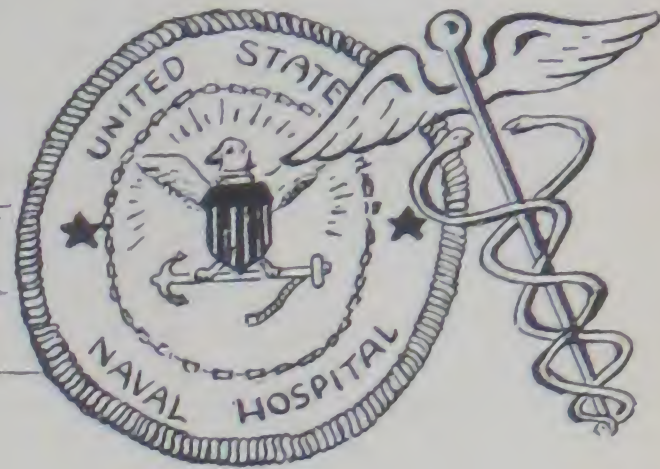
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"He keeps mumbling something about taking the wrong bus."

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Nurse Takes Queen Lead

Backed by the wholehearted support of Surgery 2, Miss Hortense E. Arbogast, Lt. (jg) NNC, dashed into the lead in the Oak Knoll Purple Heart Queen Contest. Her twenty votes gave her a commanding edge over Virginia Lee of Physio Therapy and Doris Ott of the Disbursing Office, who each have six votes.

Race Is Open

However, at this fluid point in the race, it is expected that upsets will be numerous, with other candidates surging up to challenge the leaders.

Sgt. Helen Erickson Hamilton, who has the backing of the Marine Detachment, and Martha McGee, both of whom were early leaders in the race, have slumped to a fourth place tie.

Two Newcomers Challenge

Two newcomers in the contest who are expected to take their places among the leaders are Ida May Schneider, the candidate for Dental Clinic, and Helen Kuziera of Property and Accounting.

Hats Off to Them!



Congratulations and thanks go to these two nurses, Miss Ruth V. Hoyt and Miss Mary E. Wilhelm, both Lt. (jg), who are responsible for having collected 27 per cent of the total contributions to the recent Red Cross War Fund Drive. They have not only collected \$1,007.60 for Red Cross, but also did an equally effective job for Navy Relief in February. Miss Wilhelm, Miss Hoyt, and the nurses of Oak Knoll deserve the thanks of all for this marvelous record.

Purple Heart Queen Contest

LATEST RETURNS

Lt. (jg) H. E. Arbogast NNC	20
Virginia Lee	6
Doris Ott	6
Sgt. Helen Erickson Hamilton	4
Helen Kuziera	4
Martha McGee	4
Ida May Schneider	4
Margaret "Mickey" Finn	3
Jacqueline Kitlen	3
Alice McEneany	3
Maggie Moore	3
Phyllis Glenn	2
Ann Silva	2
Tex Bennett	1
Rogene Bolander	1
Nan Ginter	1
Helen Lloyd	1

Red Cross Drive Nets \$3754.11

As of April 3, 1945, the final returns on the Red Cross War Fund drive held in March totaled \$3754.11. The Red Cross at this hospital gratefully acknowledges gifts from 2176 contributors. The departments of the hospital, including officers, enlisted personnel, and civilian employees, contributed a total of \$2,569.37, and patients, both officers and enlisted men, gave \$1184.74.

The following departments were 100 per cent: Accounting Department, 40; Brace Shop, 3; Chaplain's Office, 11; Disbursing Office, 36; E. E. N. T., 10; H. V.(S) Officers, 20; Laboratory, 85; Laundry, 48; Legal Office, 6; Library, 10; Marine Officers, 9; MAA (Inside), 23; Medical Service (Doctors), 35; Neuro Psychiatric Service (Doctors), 17; Pharmacy, 10; Photo Laboratory, 9; Receiving Room, 9; Red Cross, 43.

The following departments were between 88 per cent and 97 per cent: Dental Department, 58; Nurses, 305; Physio Therapy, 31; Staff Personnel Office, 16; Survey Office, 7; X-Ray, 22.

Iturbi Thrills Hospital With Fine Piano Concert

José Iturbi, baldish disciple of long-hair music and one of the world's finest pianists, thrilled a packed auditorium here on Saturday evening, March 31, with his precise mastery of the Baldwin. His request program consisted of the more melodic and familiar items in the classic field and ended with a brief excursion into boogie-woogie.

ITURBI SWINGS IT



At popular request, Jose Iturbi bends his mighty talents to the beating out of some boogie-woogie.

Willard to Write About G. I. Bill

In order to fully acquaint Oak Knoll patients and personnel with specific benefits of the G.I. Bill and the procedure to use in order to obtain maximum benefits, Clarence E. Willard, Contact Representative, Veterans' Administration, will write a weekly series of articles on the subject for the Oak Leaf.

Next week Mr. Willard will write about the "Vet-Loan Plan" for purchase of home, farm or business. Clip this series of articles from the Oak Leaf. They'll be authoritative and valuable information for you when you return to civilian life.

Personality Pleases

Complementing his skill on the keyboard was his pleasant and unassuming personality. Almost apologetic about his preference for classical music in this age of jive, his comments between selections were a delight to all.

Mr. Iturbi opened his program with a popular Chopin waltz by way of getting warmed up before swinging into the celebrated and less sentimental *Polonaise* by Chopin. This piece was one of the many he played in providing the music for the recent movie success, "A Song to Remember."

Plays "Moonlight Sonata"

The slow, sombre notes of Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata* were followed by way of contrast with the brisk *11th Hungarian Rhapsody* by Brahms. Two shorter pieces, *Liebestraum* and Debussy's *Clare de Lune*, evoked much applause from the responsive audience.

In response to many requests, Mr. Iturbi played the theme of Tchaikowski's well known *Concerto*, another work popularized by a movie of some years ago. This was followed by *The Fire Dance* and the cadenzas from Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*.

Introduces New Work

Modern music by the well known American composer, Morton Gould, followed with the playing of his *Prologue 1945*. This was part of a work Mr. Iturbi was to introduce to the concert stage in San Francisco the next night.

"Now that we have had the steak, I shall make for you a cheeseburger," announced José Iturbi in embarking upon a brief excursion into jive. A selection of conventionalized jive was followed by Morton Gould's *Boogie-Boogie*, a

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• For Victory and the Future

With every sunset bringing closer the day when Hitler will cry "uncle," it is but natural that without carefully thinking the situation through, we may find ourselves relaxing in our wartime alertness and our war bond buying. Because, after all, we tell ourselves, it won't be long before there will be a greatly decreased demand for new tanks, planes, guns and the many other sinews of war.

But from the testimony of experts on the needs and requirements of war, such as Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King, USN, Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, and Chief of Naval Operations, and General B. H. Somervell, Chief of the Army Services of Supply, we learn that a continuing need for war production lies ahead until the day we also hear "uncle" with an oriental accent. To bring the Pacific war to a conclusion as soon as possible, it is stressed, necessitates a continuation of the manufacture of new equipment rather than merely the transportation of available materiel from the victorious battlefields of Europe to the other side of the world.

Such a decision means one thing, and that is: We must continue to buy bonds for new equipment until the last vestige of the Japanese plan for a "greater East Asia coprosperity sphere" is destroyed.

But buying bonds after Hitler's defeat also means more than merely shortening the Jap war; it means that no matter when the last shot is fired we shall have a greater cushion of financial security to ease our transition from a war to a peace-time economy. It means that we shall have the funds to do many of the things which require a backlog of savings; the funds to acquire that farm we have dreamed about; the funds to enable us to wait for the post-war job we want and thus not be forced because of lack of finances to take the first one offered; the funds to seize that opportunity to go into business for ourselves.

In Your Opinion

"What are your postwar plans?"

Milton A. Amlin, Flc:

"When I get out of the service I'm going back to Oregon State College and finish my education in agriculture, and then become a veterinary. I'm very much interested in stock and it's a good paying profession, as veterinarians are scarce now."

Robert Heicken, HA1c:

"I'm going back to my lithography trade. I will take a more active interest in world affairs and encourage others to do so because we need to strive for understanding rather than merely tolerance. It is tragic to realize that eight million ballots were printed for servicemen and less than a hundred thousand used."

Wallace Prather, RDM2c:

"I have very definite plans for a singing career. I'm going to take advantage of vocational training in this subject under the G.I. Bill and radio is my chosen field."

Dorothy Pickell, HA1c:

"I'm going to hibernate in the North Woods for three months. No visitors. Then I'll get married and raise a family."

Robert Read, RM2c:

"I don't know. There are so many things to do that it's just a matter of choosing. I'm going to look around before I make a decision."

John M. Gallop, HA1c:

"I will complete my education at the University of California, where I am working for a Doctorate in Medieval History. As to the future, I intend to enter the Anglican priesthood."

Hospital Holds Easter Sunrise Service



Oak Knoll's Easter Sunrise Service was featured by a sermon delivered by Chaplain A. T. L. Armstrong and the singing of a selected choral group under the direction of Sp3c Jane Evans. About three hundred were in attendance.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"To Be a Christian Is to Be a Missionary"

A Mexican home mission school asked for a missionary "who is looking for a life-long man-sized job; a man whose wife showed good judgment; a man who has some first-class religion, who does not get his humor by freight, who will not wither under sunshine, who can keep his feet in a tempest—who can preach occasionally and practice everlastingly, who can fit a collar to a mule, time a gas engine, plant corn by the moon, who loves life and every living thing—who at thirty-five has his life bearings and at sixty-five will still be a boy."

Such a man was David Livingstone, who for sixteen years gave up his home and family life to suffer hunger, tropical fever, and sleeping sickness as he brought physical and spiritual healing to the black men of Central Africa, as he struggled to share with them the eternal purpose of life itself—as seen in Jesus Christ.

Is it all so difficult to understand? Some of us reason that only religious fanatic or a social misfit would throw his life away among the heathens. But, "Whosoever would save his life shall lose it, and whosoever loseth his life for my sake shall find it." On this the Christian stakes his life.

In our weakness, we rationalize our apathy toward the world mission of Christianity. We simply say, "All religions teach pretty much the same thing, anyway." Do they? Do animal and emperor worship, caste and slavery, magic and witch doctors, ignorance and immorality have anything in common with the Christian faith and its reverence for human personality?

"They do not love who do not show their love."

The Service Men's Christian League will meet in the Bagroom Classroom (Bldg. 132) Tuesday, 10 April, at 1730. The guest speaker will be the popular young Oakland minister, the Rev. Don Buhler.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.
Sunday: Morning Worship—0930.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Vespers—1800.
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.
Discussion Group (alternating Mondays and Tuesdays in Chapel)—1730.
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplains—R. V. Cronin, J. P. Corley.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830 and 1100.
Weekday Mass—0650 and 1640.
Confessions—Daily, before Mass; Saturdays at 1900; on the Thursday before each first Friday at 1900.
Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.

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Off the Bookshelf

Most popular books in this country, which are in the hospital library, are listed below. How many have you read?

Fiction

- Asch: *The Apostle*. (Paul.)
 Bayliss: *The Bolinvars*. (Romance and mystery in the early 9th century.)
 Cronin: *The Green Years*. (Story of a Catholic boy in Scotland.)
 Douglas: *The Robe*. (Story of the family of the Roman Senator whose son was in charge of the crucifixion.)
 Ferber: *Great Son*. (Three generations in Seattle.)
 Goudge: *Green Dolphin Street*. (Conflict between love and honor; laid in the Channel Islands and New Zealand.)
 Graham: *Earth and High Heaven*. (Love story of a Jewish lawyer and an English girl in Montreal.)
 Perkins: *The Emperor's Physician*. (Story of Tiberius's physician.)
 Shellabarger: *The Captain From Castile*. (A young Spanish nobleman who travels in Mexico and Europe.)
 Smith: *Strange Fruit*. (Love story concerning the race problem in the South.)
 Steinbeck: *Cannery Row*. (Happy-go-lucky life in Monterey.)
 Stone: *Immortal Wife*. (A biographical novel about Jessie Benton Fremont.)
 Wescott: *Apartment in Athens*. (German occupation.)
 Winsor: *Forever Amber*. (Historical novel of the Restoration.)

Non-Fiction

- Bowen: *Yankee From Olympus*. (Biography of Holmes.)
 Cerf: *Try and Stop Me*. (Humor.)
 Chase: *The Bible and the Common Reader*. (The Bible as literature.)
 Hahn: *China to Me*. (Autobiography of years in Shanghai and Hongkong.)
 Hope: *I Never Left Home*. (An entertainer's experiences in war zones.)
 Jackson: *Continent's End*. (Collection of writings by California authors.)
 Kane: *Deep Delta Country*. (Louisiana.)
 Karig: *Battle Report*. (Pearl Harbor to Coral Sea.)
 Landon: *Anna and the King of Siam*. (Adventures of an English woman in Siam.)
 Lin Yutang: *Vigil of a Nation*. (Report on war-time China.)
 Papashvily: *Anything Can Happen*. (Adventures of a Russian in the United States.)
 Pyle: *Brave Men*. (Personal report on World War II.)
 Thurber: *The Thurber Carnival*. (Humor.)
 Welles: *The Time for Decision*. (U. S. foreign policy by an authority.)
 Wilson: *I Am Gazing Into My Ball*. (Humor.)

Navy Mothers Commander Pays Visit to Oak Knoll



BM1c Charles C. Wilbourn and Mrs. Jones inspect appreciatively an afghan presented by the Navy Mothers. Charles is the son of Mrs. Pearl Wilbourn, a member of the Oakland chapter of the Navy Mothers.

Mrs. Emma Jones, founder of the Navy Mothers Club of America and National Commander for 1945, visited Oak Knoll on Friday, March 30, accompanied by Mrs. Margaret M. Shaddock of the Oakland Chapter. She was welcomed by Captain Dearing and made an extensive tour of the hospital, including many wards and the office on the top deck of the Post Office Building where the Navy Mothers do their tireless and valuable work.

Mrs. Jones was particularly interested in meeting patients at

Oak Knoll who are the sons of members of her organization. Among those she visited was BM1c Charles R. Wilbourn of 42A, whose mother is a member of the local chapter. She expressed high praise for the facilities available at Oak Knoll and for the care given patients here.

Mrs. Jones, who heads an organization of 100,000 mothers of Navy, Marine and Coast Guard personnel, is at present making a tour of activities directed by Navy Mothers in the Bay Area.

Mobile Surgical Trailer Designed for Combat

A mobile operating room for use in combat areas has been completed and accepted by the medical department for service in the U. S. Marine Corps. The unit is housed in an 11,000-pound trailer large enough for a five- or six-man operating room team. It has its own power, standard ship's operating table and standard size autoclaves. It is planned to build a total of 28 units.

Convalescent Hospital To Be Opened in East

Transfer of the Hotel Berkeley-Carteret and Hotel Monterey at Asbury Park, N. J., to the medical department for use as a new convalescent hospital was approved by the Secretary of the Navy last week.

Bed capacity of the new facility will be 1500 in the Berkeley-Carteret. The Monterey will be utilized for staff quarters.

Wright: *Black Boy*. (Autobiography of the author of *Native Son*.)

Marines Set Record In War Bond Drive

The Marines, hardest-hitting outfit in the world, have compiled an outstanding War Bond allotment record for themselves throughout the Pacific Area, and in addition have bought bonds during Navy's two annual "extra" cash bond campaigns in a distinguished manner.

Proving that they have an eye on their own financial future and are saving part of their pay to that end, the Marines of the Third Regiment, Third Marine Division, for instance, are 92.5 per cent on the bond allotment program.

Another eye-catching statistic is the 95.5 per cent allotment average of the Marine Fighter Squadron VMF-124, and still another is the 91.6 per cent participation of the 57th Defense Battalion, Fleet Marine Force.

The records indicate that where the going is toughest, bond allotments rate high. This is proved by an unusually large number of Marine and other units throughout the Pacific.

Scuttlebutt

Note to Adonis Avery: Now that it's no longer tea for two, how are you doing with Marty in O. T.? . . .

Ferguson has been checking in at 0630 lately from liberty . . . What a Playboy! . . .

A certain politician in X-ray had all the Waves excited about a draft to St. Albans . . . There was method in his madness but, unfortunately, no draft . . . This same guy is quite a football player . . . he tackles everything, and we don't mean dummies . . . What has X-ray Dunn to deserve this? . . .

Simpson can't figure out his new girl friend . . . She drinks ice water and nothing else but! . . .

Question of the week: How about that picnic, Dr. Fralick? . . .

The Navy's stalwarts in blue are said to have lost another decision to the khaki canines . . . Now is that fair, Reba? . . .

Marge Josephson is now singing a new version of "Candy" . . . She leaves off the "C" and its comes out "Andy." . . .

Welfare and Recreation doesn't miss a trick . . . Tommy DeHaven now regales the ladies at the stables with cowboy ballads . . .

Have you heard about Chief Matthews tangling with a squeegie and losing the decision? . . .

Speaking of Chiefs, what MAA yelled to one of the players at the baseball diamond, "Hey, Chief, get this garbage cleaned up"? . . . and it turned out it wasn't a Chief but a Doctor . . .

INSURANCE

Facts about National Service Life Insurance you should know:

1. You have a right to change your beneficiary at any time.

2. You may convert your present 5-year term policy (after it has been in force one year) to a permanent form of government insurance, with loan privileges and cash surrender values.

3. Your present insurance is good for five years at your present rate, no matter whether you are in the service or in civilian life. An automatic renewal privilege, of this term policy, is now being considered by Congress.

4. If you are totally and continuously disabled for a period of six months all your premiums will be returned to you (if you apply), and future premiums will be paid by the Government so long as you remain totally disabled.

5. You have the right to designate payment of proceeds of your policy in accordance with the new Refund Life Income Settlement.

The Hospital Insurance Office is located on the 3rd floor of the Post Office Building.

Mr. Iturbi Chats With Oak Leaf Staff



Mr. Iturbi chats backstage with the local press, represented above by the face of Editor Chaplain Pitts, the back of Managing Editor Fenstad, and the profile of Chaplain Roebuck. (Memo to the editor: Let's fire the photographer—T. F.)

Fixed-Text Telegrams For Overseas Vets

Twelfth Naval District postal authorities have announced that service personnel returning from overseas can now send fixed-text telegrams to any place in the United States for 25 cents under a new service established by the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Western Union service will be provided at U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, at Naval Hospitals in the district, at the U. S. Naval Receiving Ship, San Francisco, at Coast Guard Training Station, Alameda, and at Marine Headquarters, 100 Harrison Street, San Francisco. Only at these activities can the flat rate messages by the returning service man be sent.

Samples of the sixteen fixed-text messages are: No. 4: "I'm over here from over there and will be with you soon. Love." No. 11: "Arrived by plane, expect to see you soon. Will write at next station."

And the message every service man would like to send is No. 2: "Three cheers. Home for good in ten days. Can't wait to see you. All my love."

USNH, Philadelphia, Celebrates Anniversary

The tenth anniversary of commissioning of this naval hospital will be celebrated on 15 April. The hospital was the first of the Navy's "skyscraper" type of architecture. It was dedicated on 15 April, 1935.

Dental Handbook Revised

The revised Handbook for Dental Technologists (General) is now available to personnel on request to the Naval Dental School, Bethesda, Md.

Iturbi—

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more ambitious work in somewhat the same vein.

Mr. Iturbi received thunderous applause and could have played all night to a full house but had to hurry off to fill another engagement.

Chatting for a moment after the concert, Mr. Iturbi reiterated his unswerving loyalty to the classical school of music of which he is a master interpreter, but admitted that boogie-woogie was an expression of the American temperament and had a secure place in music.

Citation Ceremony Honors Fifteen

At a Citation Ceremony held in the Captain's Office on Thursday, March 29, four sailors and eleven marines received Purple Hearts for wounds received in action against the enemy. Captain A. H. Dearing (MC), USN, made the presentations.

The marines honored included Sgt. Walter E. Soboleski, Sgt. George W. Gardner, Sgt. Hamilton S. Gibson, Cpl. William Donaldson Jr., Pfc. Merlin R. Wilburn, Pfc. Harry C. Wedell Jr., Pfc. John J. Card, Pfc. Johnnie D. Luther, Pfc. Richard H. Dues, Pfc. Francisco Garcia, and Pvt. Lawrence T. Costello.

The naval personnel honored were Lt. (jg) Eugene Sullivan, Ens. Kenneth L. Henry, AOM3c Melvin L. Dill, and Richard D. Cackler.

The honeymoon is over when the little woman starts complaining about the noise her husband makes getting breakfast.

Iwo Jima Patients Are Glad To Reach Hospital, Home

Wednesday, March 26, is one day that will live long in the minds of nearly a thousand veterans of bloody Iwo Jima, for at 1030 on that day these men began to disembark and were transported to Oak Knoll.

For many of them it was the first time since Iwo Jima that they had their feet on solid earth, as they had been transferred from one ship to another before arriving here.

It is hard to express in simple words the tears and expressions that were present on many faces as they landed stateside.

The patio at Commissary 2 was used as the clearing center and as soon as the men were classified and assigned to wards, they were given a special homecoming meal.

Practically every veteran asked the top question of the day, "Where is the nearest telephone I can use?" Miss Rachel, manager of the telephone center, reports it was without a doubt the most active day since Christmas for her department.

Many of these veterans had only the clothes on their backs, as everything personal had been left at Iwo Jima, so within the hour arrangements had been made for clothing to be issued to these men at the Marine barracks. Forms for emergency pay were also filled out at this time.

Most of these men had received only emergency treatment at hospital ships, or shore units at Iwo Jima, so the sight of these men converging at Oak Knoll really impressed this writer as a combat beach scene.

Sgt. Still, USMC, received shrapnel wounds in his right shoulder which had been set and placed in a cast at Guam, but what really distinguished him from his shipmates was the huge Jap Sumarita Officer's Sabre he wore draped from the cast on his right arm.

The news that seemed to bring the most satisfaction to these men was the information that as soon as possible they would be transferred to the naval hospital nearest their home, as the Navy is a firm believer in the old adage that a man recovers sooner near home.

Also received with the Marines from Iwo Jima were 60 sailors who were aboard the "Bismarck Sea" when she went down off the volcanic battle-torn isle of Iwo Jima.

When asked as to what they thought about the campaign and battle on Iwo, the answers were all the same, "Just plain hell on earth, that's the only way to describe it."

Girl's Father: "Did I hear the clock strike three when you left here last night?"

Sailor: "Yes, sir. It was going to strike eleven, but I stopped it so it wouldn't wake you up."

Educational Services

Colleges Cheap—Your Choice

Bargains in college courses, offering a nationwide variety of items from Maine to California, are offered by the Oak Knoll Educational Services. Prices are slashed to 50 per cent for members of the armed forces.



Oak Knoll's smartest people, patients and staff alike, are buying these passports to increased efficiency and earning-power in the postwar world.

Here they find they may take correspondence training from the college nearest their home in almost any imaginable business field (for example: air conditioning, plastics, rural economics) or liberal arts subject, from medieval history to educational psychology. They find that college credit is given at the university they expect to attend. And they learn that the whole course, in many instances, about equals the cost of the text books supplied with the course!

But even less money is required for enrollment in that largest of the world's universities—USAFI. For a \$2 enrollment fee you may study anything in the book (geology, law, or drafting, for instance) with USAFI, and as many different courses as you can successfully complete—getting college credit for them if your chosen university is one of the many that accredit USAFI courses.

Educational Services will not run out of these bargain items. But for you, time is running out. Join today the group of smart people listed in the Educational Services register, topdeck of the Marine Detachment building.

Preventive Medicine Is Subject of HC Quarterly

The April issue of the "Hospital Corps Quarterly" is devoted for the most part, to articles on the Navy's preventive medicine program.

Recommended Reading

"I Sing Their Praises," by Lt. Phyllis H. Hanwell (NC), USNR, and Perry Wood in the Mid-March issue of "Our Navy." A sincere tribute to hospital corpsmen by a Navy nurse who worked with them at MOB-5.

Veterans' Representative Has Colorful Background

Patients receiving discharges from the Navy at Oak Knoll also talk with an internationally famous performer of some years ago or the Ripley "Believe It or Not" shows. He is Clarence E. Willard, Oak Knoll Contact Representative for the Veterans' Administration.



Mr. Willard interviews Sic Benjamin Ehrlich, a prospective citizen first class.

Willard has astounded audiences in America, Europe, the Orient and elsewhere as the "Willard Man of Mystery" and "The Man Who Grows." Using an amazing muscular control, Willard can increase his height over six inches in the brief time of a few seconds.

"It is simply a case of using the right muscles," said Willard. "Anyone could do the trick if he had spent years as I have studying and practicing stretching."

"I am like a cat or dog," Willard continued. "I never eat breakfast in the morning without stretching and making myself taller. This causes the blood to surge through my veins and carries off toxic poisons."

Asked how he became a part of the Ripley family of oddities, Willard said that he met Bob Ripley while playing his show at Santa Rosa, California. "Ripley lives here," the Veteran Contact Representative said. "He saw my show one night and after that we joined forces."

Willard played the Keith-Orpheum circuit for years. He has made many short subjects for the movies with Ripley and has been

featured countless numbers of times over the radio.

"I have had many titles during my career," Willard mused. "Once I was called 'Famous hypnotist, mind-reader, magician, king of cards, coins and billard balls.'"

Willard played at the World's Fair on Treasure Island in 1939. He also was featured at the Great Lakes Exposition nearly a quarter century ago. Willard is 64 and looks less than 50 years of age.

"I have been a war veteran since the Spanish-American campaigns," the man of many oddities said. "During World War I, I toured many battlefields and gave shows for the boys. In this war I am trying to see that returning veterans get all the information and background necessary to enable them to secure full benefits from the 'G. I. Bill of Rights.'"

Beginning next week in the Oak Leaf, Willard will write individual articles on the various provisions of the "G. I. Bill." His first article concerns the "Vet - Loan Plan" for farm, home or business.

Humor

She: "Wonder if you could help a girl in trouble?"

He: "Sure. What kind of trouble did you want to get into?"

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A sailor was eating chow at the mess hall when a friend joined him.

"Hullo, Bill," he said. "Whatta ya got there, tea or coffee?"

"They didn't say," replied his buddy sadly.

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HA1c: "Why didn't you laugh when the chief told that joke?"

HA2c: "I didn't have to. I'm being shipped out tomorrow."

Lost and Found

LOST—Brown wallet by Billie Jones, containing ID card and ration book. Please return to Oak Leaf Office.

These Men Prepare the Main Dish



Head Meatcutter Tony Conda, Sic Harley Lemmon, and PhM3c John Roth are shown preparing the next day's meat course.



PhM3c Herman Telthorst and HA1c Ralph Cero use the Meat Department's buzz saw to carve out a few thousand steaks.

The butcher shop in Commissary 1 is a busy place almost every minute of the day with four corpsmen and one patient preparing the meat course for the 4200 hungry mouths fed every meal.

In an average week, this crew will prepare the following meat poundage: beef, 8000; pork, 2500; lamb, 1800; veal, 2000; bacon, 1000; chicken, 2500; turkey 3200; fish, 1200; cold cuts, 200.

Commissary 2, where the re-

mainder of the compound's population is fed, has a meatcutting crew of five plus two patients.

Father: "The man who marries my daughter will get a prize."

Young man: "May I see it, please?"

"Our chief is really democratic," the boot wrote home. "Regardless of race, color or creed he treats everyone alike—miserably."

OKIE



"THE PICK UP"

PEN

Leather Work Proves Fascinating Hobby



Pictured above are three patients of ward 43-B who are in the process of making fine leather goods. Here you see the hobby-art in its various types. One of the lads is making a lovely leather handbag for the wife. Another is finishing a knifeholder and the third is making a wallet. One of the most popular hobbies at Oak Knoll is leather goods activity. Some of the purses made by patients have brought as high as \$75. Quite a nice stipend for a few days' interesting work.

Leatherneck

It takes a lot to keep a good man down and Sgt. George W. Gardner is no exception.

The Sarge was with the 1st Bn. 2nd Reg. 2 Div. and for a while attached to the 1st Div. After two weeks on Guadalcanal, was flown to the New Hebrides with shrapnel wounds in his left leg and arm. Returning to the 2nd Division after recuperating, Gardner landed on Tarawa. His stay here was but a little over three hours. A Jap must have heard about ear banging and tried it with a shot through the sergeant's right ear.

Gardner then had six weeks in Pearl Harbor to recuperate and returned in time to train for the Saipan siege. Arriving at Saipan,

the Sarge stayed until the last day of the campaign. It was on that day, while stooping to pick up a stretcher, that a sniper, apparently trying for the side pocket, placed a neat one through the sergeant's fantail.

After 25 months of overseas duty, Sgt. Gardner is again in the States and enjoying the comforts of Oak Knoll.

Ofttimes some one will jest about the receiving of the **Purple Heart**. This is done in the poorest of taste. For those who receive it and those who have the honor of presenting it, know only too well the conditions under which it was earned. Friday, March 30, the following men stood before Captain Dearing and were presented with this most expressive award: Sgt. Walter E. Soboleski, Pfc. Merlin R. Wilburn, Cpl. William Donaldson Jr., Pfc. Harry Clinton Wedell Jr., Pfc. John James Card, Sgt. George W. Gardner, Sgt. Hamilton S. Gibson, Pvt. Lawrence Thomas Costello, Pfc. Johnnie Dean Luther, Pfc. Richard Henry Dues, and Pfc. Francisco Garcia.

Softball League to Be Formed

A compound Softball League will again be formed this year. Each department wishing to play in the league should elect a captain or representative to be present at a meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 1600, in the Welfare and Recreation Office. The rules to be used in regard to men that can be played and the schedule will be discussed.

Anyone desiring information before this meeting may contact PhM3c Ferguson at the Caddy House.

High Bowlers of the Week

Men	
Single—Reakes	254
Double—Reakes	434
Triple—Reakes	646
Women	
Single—Snyder	199
Double—Hocking	368
Triple—Hocking	507

New Bowling Alley Schedule

Open Bowling	1000 to 1130
Staff Officers and Staff	1130 to 1300
Patient Officers and Patients	1300 to 1630
Staff Officers and Staff	1730 to 2100

Officer Hours

Officers rate preference once only.

Patient Officers	Alleys 5 and 6	1300 to 1630
Staff Officers	Alleys 3, 4, 5 and 6	1130 to 1300
Staff Officers	Alleys 5 and 6	1730 to 2100

Opening Time

Friday and Saturday	1130
Sunday	1300
Other days	1000

I.D. cards or dog tags must be deposited when renting bowling shoes.

Baseballers Entered In League Play

Practice has started for the Station baseball team and many promising candidates have turned out. A new and improved diamond is being prepared for the team and soon the cry of "Play ball" will be heard on the compound.

The squad has been entered in the National League, which is made up of naval teams in the Bay Area. Play is scheduled to start about April 15, with the local boys expected to match the top-flight play of the softball teams, which have always been in the running for the championship in their division.

New equipment has been purchased for the team and present plans call for one league game a week in addition to other games to be scheduled.

Anyone desiring information about the baseball team may inquire at the Welfare and Recrea-

Mixed Pin Tourney Ends in Tie Score

The Mixed Bowling Tournament held at the local alleys last week ended in a tie for first place—an almost unheard-of event in bowling annals. The 1024 rolled by Deedee Watson and Ray Sanges was matched by Helen Snyder and Mustin, giving the two duos even shares of first place.

Thompson and Felix took second money with 1002, while Snyder and Lather's 990 edged out Green and Reales with 989 to take third place.

High triple for men was rolled by Felix with 586, Hocking being high for women with 507. Single game honors went to Smits with 233 and to Snyder with 199.

Thirty teams were entered in the tournament.

tion Office or at the Caddy House at the athletic field.

MOIPHY

by Penberthy



"Whatta we gonna do, Gus? He claims it comes under the G.I. Bill of Rights."

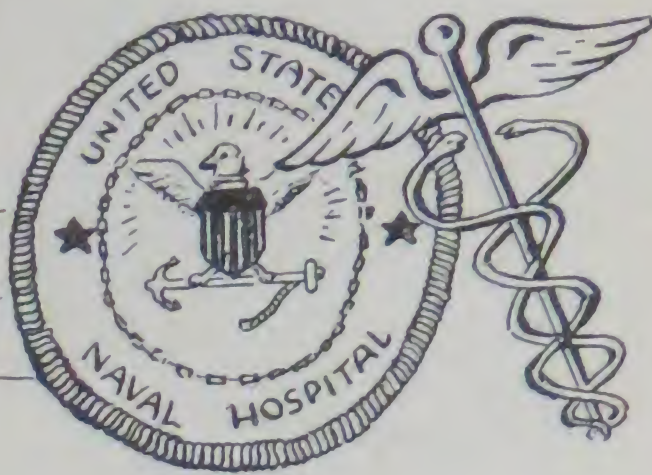
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Charlie Gets a Laugh From Two Stooges



Powers Model plays Nurse, Charlie McCarthy plays Patient and Edgar Bergen plays Doctor in "The Operation" skit.

Bergen and Bracken Bring Topnotch Show to Hospital

Headliners Edgar Bergen and Eddie Bracken, assisted by a talented cast, California's finest brand of sunshine, and a packed, responsive audience of GI's, put on a great show on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 3, in the amphitheatre. Mirth, beauty and

song were the keynotes of the festivities, with cherry-blonde Vivian Blaine supplying the latter commodities.

Eddie Bracken Stars

Eddie Bracken, a new style in cinema stars with his wistful blend of brashness and timidity, was

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Coming Shows

Friday, April 13—1730 and 1930
"Leave It to Blondie."
Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake.
Saturday, April 14—1730 and 1930.
"Cyclone Prairie Rangers."
Charles Starrett and Dud Taylor.
Sunday, April 15—1730 and 1930.
"Eve Knew Her Apples."
Ann Miller and William Wright.
Monday, April 16—1730.
"See My Lawyer."
Olsen and Johnson.

Jane Evans Leaves For OCS in East

Congratulations and bon voyage go to Sp(W)3c Jane Evans, who left Friday, April 13, to attend Officer Candidate School in Washington, D. C. Miss Evans, who has been a valuable member of the Chaplains' Office crew for the past 10 months, formed and was in charge of the Station Chorus.

Sp(W)3c Jane Evans is a graduate of the Music School of Northwestern University and was a teacher prior to her entry into the Navy. Her many friends at Oak Knoll wish her happiness on her future assignments.

Waves Challenge Nurse Lead In Purple Heart Contest

Staff Is Host to Medical Group

Captain A. H. Dearing, medical officer in command at U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, and members of his staff entertained members of the San Francisco County Medical Society when they held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 10.

Guests assembled at the duty officers' mess in the club house at 6 p. m. for cocktails and dinner, and at 8:15 a program of technical talks, motion pictures, and slide demonstrations was presented.

Captain Dearing opened the session with introductory remarks, and the following informational talks were given by Oak Knoll medical officers: "Boeck's Sarcoid—Case Presentation," Lieut. G. L. Crenshaw, (MC) USNR; "Appendectomy With Multiple Complications," case report, Lieut. Comdr. A. C. Daniels, MC(S), USNR; "Nutrition and Tropical Disease in Prisoners of War," Lieut. Comdr. D. L. Wilbur, MC(S), USNR; "Psychiatric War 'Casualties' With Special Reference to Prognosis," Comdr. H. R. Merwerth, MC(S), USNR; "Surgical Management of Arterio-venous Fistula," Captain W. H. Bueermann, MC(S), USNR; "Dental Prosthesis and Plastic Surgery in the Repair of War Injuries," Lieut. Comdr. M. M. Gurdin, MC(S), USNR, and Lieut. Comdr. A. E. Pound, DC(S), USNR.

Cap Insignia Authorized For Enlisted Waves

Among uniform changes authorized by the Secretary of the Navy recently is "a metal pin-on insignia for wear on the garrison cap by Wave enlisted personnel other than chief petty officers." Beginning 1 June, 1945, wearing of the insignia on the garrison cap is mandatory.

A total of 212 Hospital Corps ratings were appointed to the warrant rank of pharmacist in March.

Swinging into its third week, Oak Knoll's booming Purple Heart Queen Contest was still an open race with two Waves flashing to the front to challenge the lead of Lt. Hortense E. Arbogast of Surgery 2. Holding the pace with ten votes in the past week to Miss Arbogast's fourteen was Doris Ott of the Disbursing Office, while a newcomer, Barbara Silvester of Patient Personnel, garnered thirteen votes to sweep into third place.

Schneider, Lee Tied for Fourth

Two strong candidates, Ida May Schneider of the Dental Clinic and Virginia Lee of Physio Therapy, were tied for fourth place with nine votes, but with their departments gaining momentum in the drive for Oak Knoll blood, it is expected that they will be challenging the leaders. Helen Kuziara of Property and Accounting kept the pace in fifth place, the same position she held last week.

Another Nurse in Contest

Rising from thirteenth to sixth place was popular Ann Silva of

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Purple Heart Queen Contest

LATEST RETURNS

Lt. H. E. Arbogast NNC	34
Doris Ott	16
Barbara Silvester	13
Virginia Lee	9
Ida May Schneider	9
Helen Kuziara	8
Ann Silva	6
Margaret "Mickey" Finn	5
Helen Erickson Hamilton	5
Alice McEneaney	5
Martha McGee	4
Maggie Moore	4
Jacqueline Kitlen	3
Lt. (jg) Lois Simons	3
Tex Bennett	2
Phyllis Glenn	2
Rogene Bolander	1
Ens. M. E. Bows NNC	1
Nan Ginter	1
Helen Lloyd	1

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• Where Have You Seen Action, Marines?

Were you with the 1st on Palau, the 2nd and 4th on Saipan? Are you just back from Iwo with the 3rd, 4th and 5th, or have you been sitting out on some desolate, God-forsaken, flat islet waiting and waiting for a couple of Nipper planes to come over? Or maybe you were on Midway and knocked down a couple of the "goony" birds.

No matter where you're from, we're all back here now Stateside. And when Russia has given the "word" to the Japs, Koiso has resigned, and Okinawa is cut in twain, we can all see the end of the Nips is no longer in the distant future. So who could be better located now than you? You may be leaving the Corps soon, or maybe not till V-P day. But here at the hospital you have an opportunity to learn what you want or need to know in order to finish your education or to train for a new job. Hundreds of courses are available through your own Marine Corps Institute, and Marine Educational Officers are aboard to help and advise in whatever you're going to do when you leave the hospital.

When we come back from overseas our first thought is "liberty." But we know you cannot live on "liberty," so take advantage of the Educational Services which are at Oak Knoll for you.

CAPTAIN FREDERIC "FIREBALL" STOTT,
24th Reg., 4th Marine Div.

Off the Bookshelf

If reading books can be a partial substitute for learning the hard way—and we believe it can—we have a few to suggest in the field of **human relationships**:

Furst: *How to Remember.*

Laird: *The Technique of Handling People.*

White: *Psychology in Living.*

And in **careers**, these:

Ackerman: *Risks We Face; An Introduction to Property Insurance.*

Burnett: *You and Your Public.* (Public relations.)

Coith: *So You Want to Be a Chemist.*

Simmons: *Successful Selling for the New Day.*

Walker: *Elementary Statistical Methods.*

And in **hobbies**, these:

American Annual of Photography, 1945.

Bennett: *A Shady Hobby.* (Cutting silhouettes.)

Carlyle: *Letters and Lettering.*

Field: *An Introduction to Architectural Drawing.*

Goldstein: *Art in Everyday Life.*

Mitchell: *Elementary Harmony.*

Mardikian: *Dinner at Omar Khayyam's.* (Cooking.)

Morgan: *Correct Exposure in Photography.*

Oehler: *Figure Sketching.*

Pray: *Taxidermy.*

Rothman: *Build It Yourself.*

Shuman: *How to Operate a Lathe.*

Townsend: *How to Plan a House.*

And in **English**, these:

Bender: *NBC Handbook of Pronunciation.*

Lewis: *How to Read Faster and Better.*

Woolley: *Handbook of Writing and Speaking.*

Library hours: 0800 to 2100; Sundays: 1200 to 2100.

Library is located opposite the Community Service building.

CEM: "How'd you get along with your wife in that fight the other night?"

CSp(S): "Aw, she came crawling to me on her hands and knees."

CEM: "What did she say?"

CSp(S): "Come out from under that bed, you coward!"

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Said the wife: "Every time I get down in the dumps I buy a new hat."

The reply: "I was wondering where you got them."

Navy Nurses Describe Duty Aboard Busy Hospital Ship

Nineteen U. S. Navy nurses, rounding out a year of duty in the Western Pacific, recently told how it feels for a group of girls to cruise around in combatant waters in a hospital ship, going from one scene of action to another.

"Hard as it may be to believe, it's a lot of fun," explained Lt. (jg) Jean Berkey, USNR, 24, of Haxton, Colorado. "Hospital ships are protected from attack under international law, and therefore even though we're in a war zone the dangers are not very great."

Miss Berkey, a graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital in Denver, Colorado, is stationed aboard the U.S.S. *Samaritan*. She, with the other eighteen nurses, has been serving on the same ship since it left for the Western Pacific more than a year ago.

"Our first major operation was at Saipan," Lt. (jg) Myrtle Gerald O'Hara, USN, of 128 South Main Street, Butler, Pa., remarked. "Being in the midst of battle didn't seem real. It was more like watching a newsreel."

The *Samaritan* handled 600 battle casualties at Saipan. Her five aircooled operating rooms were going day and night.

"There's no way to describe the thrill of treating injured fighting men," said Lt. (jg) Theophilia Borowski, USNR, 27, of 210 West Church Street, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania. "When you're out here you really know you're helping out."

The medical department of the *Samaritan* is supervised by Captain R. W. Hayworth, Medical Corps, USN, of Asheboro, North Carolina. His staff consists of 20 doctors, 19 nurses and 153 corpsmen.

The ship has more than 400 beds and about \$600,000 in medical equipment. Of the 4000 patients handled in the last six months, the death rate was less than 1.5 per cent.

Doctor: "Well, Mrs. Johnson, I have finally knocked the fever out of your husband."

Mrs. Johnson: "Really, you mean he is going to get well?"

Doctor: "Well, no. But you have the satisfaction of knowing that he died cured."

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Puppy love may be the start of a dog's life.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Precious Jewel

The most priceless gem in all the world is the individual personality. More has been invested in it that we will ever be able to imagine. The greatest tragedy of our day is that more things have come forth to destroy personality than the world has ever seen before. Aside from war itself the machinery of society has become so complex and involved that the individual person is lost in the group to which he belongs.

The institution or organization that is successful never loses sight of the wishes, desires and needs of the individuals who make up the group. Nations and empires have fallen and are falling today because they have subscribed to the theory that the organization is more important than the individuals who make it up.

The reason Christianity has so much to offer today is that it constantly reminds us of the value of the individual person. It teaches us that it is wrong to make generalizations about groups belonging to different races, colors, or creeds, and that all men, no matter who, are precious in the eyes of their Creator. Let us never forget that God invested himself in the individual person, that man is the handiwork of God, created in His image. Let us try to realize as God does, that in each person lies powers and potentialities which must be brought out by individual treatment. The personality is like the uncut jewel which must be carefully treated and displayed before its true beauty can be revealed.

CHAPLAIN H. M. LARSEN.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.

Sunday: Morning Worship—0930.

Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.

Vespers—1800.

Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.

Discussion Group (alternating Mondays and Tuesdays in Chapel)—1730.

Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.

L. D. S. (Mormon). Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplains—R. V. Cronin, J. P. Corley.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830 and 1100.

Weekday Mass—0650 and 1640.

Confessions—Daily, before Mass.

Saturdays at 1900; on the Thursday before each first Friday at 1900.

Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.

Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.

The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500.

Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.

Saturday, 14 April, 1945

California Sunshine and Top Entertainers Made This Show Click



Above, left to right: Vivian Blaine, cherry-blonde lovely of the screen, gives out with "Something for the Boys"; Eddie Bracken, top movie comic, winds up in hilarious baseball skit and then introduces tall, blonde, and lovely Jerry Gail to the wolves. Below, left to right: A milk bottle pours itself into a glass at the behest of magician Herb Bruce; Edgar Bergen brings out Mortimer Snerd for a short visit with the audience; Joan Arnold does a fast ballet number.

Bergen—

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master of ceremonies. His baseball skit, an old vaudeville routine, attained new magic at his hands and his illustrated commentary on acting was high comedy indeed.

The chipper Charlie McCarthy, assisted by straight man Bergen, rivalled Bracken with his wit and dead-pan mimicry. A premeditated tiff with the photographer displayed his waspish humor at its best and the comely Powers model

in the act, whose functions were primarily scenic, brought out Charlie the rake.

Present Operation Skit

"The Operation," a veteran routine from the days when Bergen and McCarthy were just another vaudeville act, proved equally effective with the post-vaudeville generation and was especially apropos as hospital fare. So real a person has Charlie McCarthy become to the American public that

it seemed sacrilege to see him arrive ignobly in a suitcase and depart in the same manner.

Vivian Blaine, star of "Something for the Boys" and "Nob Hill," charmed all not only with her singing but also with her groomed beauty and her somewhat shade of red hair. Gloria Fay, husky-voiced brunette, was the other talented songstress with the show. Dancing bits were provided by nimble-toed Joan Arnold and statuesque Jerry Gail.

Miraculous indeed were the machinations of Herb Bruce, magician. His little haunted house, where things happened apparently without adequate causation, was a source of wonderment to the audience.

This show was brought to Oak Knoll by the Welfare and Recreation Department, the Hollywood Victory Committee, and USO Camp Shows. The hospital's Rhythm Doctors provided the music.

Newspaperman Pays Tribute To Doctors and Corpsmen

A tribute to the work of the medical officers and hospital corpsmen on Iwo Jima was paid by Keith Wheeler, wounded war correspondent for the *Chicago Times* and *NaNa*, in an exclusive article written for *Hospital Hi-Lites*, station newspaper here.

Wheeler wrote: "Most of us war reporters suffer from a quaint and unfortunate notion that the only heroes worth writing about are those who kill a lot of Japanese—in consequence of which I suspect we miss a lot of good copy.

"Since 1:30 p. m. February 20 on Iwo's beach I have been on the receiving end of a demonstration of my error. It is time, I think, for me to rise and testify and to nominate as my special heroes of this war the medical personnel, both Navy and Army, who serve with the armed forces.

"This goes for all of them—the doctors, hospital corpsmen, nurses, litter bearers all the way from the bloody beaches to the rearmost base hospitals—but especially the combat hospital corpsmen and surgeons and dentists who land with combat troops on hostile beaches.

"They are not combat troops. They are unarmed samaritans in hell whose function is to salvage life, not to take it. I don't know how many of Iwo's wounded have reached Aiea by now, but I'll bet you can walk through the wards of this hospital today and get a thousand eager testimonials to the selfless courage with which that function has been performed.

"I was driven out of Iwo before I had much opportunity to observe what was happening to other people and so I do not know how great were the casualties among the doctors and hospital corpsmen. But—knowing how they work and having earlier seen such beaches as Tarawa, Kwajalein, Saipan and Guam—I'll hazard that the medical department casualties were higher proportionately than in any other class, including the front line assault troops.

"It is a peculiarity of their work that almost never can they practice their saving arts in anything like safety. The places where men are getting hit are always dangerous. And it's an unfortunate fact that a hospital corpsman or doctor can't give plasma to a wounded man and keep personally under cover at the same time.

"Nor can stretcher bearers carry a casualty out of an area under fire without standing up and taking it. And frequently they get it, as the casualty lists will show.

"For other people one brief inspired act of heroism is enough. For the medics it is necessary to act with quiet, patient, drudging heroism every hour of every day and night. For them there'll never be thanks enough."

Educational Services

Special Interest Programs

The schedule of Educational Services special interest events conducted in classroom A from 0900 to 1100 includes the following:

- 16 April—Lecture and discussion. "Refrigeration." Supplementary film. Conducted by Lt. Muller, USNR (Ward 66-B).
- 17 April—Current events. Movie, "Fortress Japan." Presented by Lt. Payne, USNR. (Educational services).
- 18 April—Lecture and discussion. "Public Relations." Conducted by Lt. Vinson, USMC (Marine Detachment).
- 19 April—Lecture and discussion. "Religions of the World." Conducted by Chaplain Roebuck. (Chaplain's Office).

What Can You Teach?

Educational Services Officers are presently covering thirty-six wards. Many of the patients interviewed are unable to leave these wards and must receive instruction from special tutors. The need for tutors is always extant and the best ones come from the ranks of ambulant patients! Also in great demand are cartoonists and writers. Call Ex. 164 or visit the Educational Services Office, top deck, Marine Detachment Building.

In Your Opinion

Are you in favor of a year of military training for young men after the war?

William M. O'Connell, Y2c:

"Wholeheartedly, it will be beneficial to the boys in learning to get along with others and the physical training will remedy any weaknesses. In addition, we will be prepared for any future wars."

Dick Poalestro, PhM3c:

"I'm for it. The physical and military training will be much more complete than it has been in the emergency of war. We wouldn't have lost so many men in this war if we had had military training in peacetime."

King S. Chappel, HA1c:

"Yes. It will give young men a mature outlook on life and an understanding of discipline. It makes you realize what things are important to you in life."

Robert T. Willis, HA1c:

"I'm in favor of it. It would keep up our military strength and we wouldn't be caught unprepared as we were last time."

Eric O'Riley, StM2c:

"It's O. K., but why a whole year of training? Two months in the summer would be sufficient indoctrination, and then they could be given refresher courses in a few years to keep up with the advances of science."

Femme: You mustn't, Bill, you're an officer and a gentleman.

Ensign: But it's only a temporary appointment.

Here Are the Facts About G.I. Vet-Loans

The Service Men's Readjustment Act of 1944 (commonly referred to as the G. I. Bill of Rights) contains provisions for the guaranty of loans for specified persons, as will be explained in this column.

Any person who shall have served in the active military or naval service of the United States at any time on or after September 16, 1940, and prior to the termination of the present war, and who shall have been discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable after active service of 90 days or more, or by reason of an injury or disability incurred in service in line of duty, is eligible for the guaranty of a loan under provisions of the act.

Any such veteran may apply within two years after separation from the military or naval forces, or two years after termination of the war, whichever is the later date, but in no event more than five years after the termination of the war, to the administrator of veterans' affairs for the guaranty by the administrator of not to exceed 50% of a loan or loans for any of the purposes set forth in this column. The aggregate amount guaranteed may not exceed \$2,000 in respect to one veteran, whether there be one or several loans.

The rate of interest chargeable on a loan, guaranteed fully or in part, may not exceed 4% a year on unpaid balances. For the first year, on that part of the loan guaranteed by administrator, the interest is payable by the Government.

Each loan guaranteed in whole or in part by the administrator must be secured by a mortgage except that when the principal amount of the loan to be guaranteed does not exceed \$500 and the lender does not require a mortgage, the administrator may nevertheless guarantee such loan provided it complies otherwise with applicable laws and regulations.

Loans guaranteed under this law are payable under such terms and conditions as are approved by the administrator of veterans' affairs. The loans guaranteed are payable in full in not more than 20 years.

He (kissing her gently): "Haven't I met you before, somewhere?"

She: "No, it's just the situation that's so familiar."

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The three great menaces on highways these days are drunken driving, uncontrolled thumbing, and indiscriminate spooning. To put it briefly: hic, hike, hug.

Short Course in Radio Building and Repair

Time: 1800 to 1930, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, for two weeks beginning 16 April.

Place: Room B, Educational Services Office (2nd Deck, Marine Detachment Building).

All Materials Furnished Without Charge

The following topics will be covered during this course:

Monday, 16 April: Learning how to solder; names of parts with schematic diagrams; use of the pushback wire; theory of crystal set.

Tuesday, 17 April: Construct crystal receiving set; theory of one-tube set.

Thursday, 19 April: Construct one-tube set.

Friday, 20 April: Finish one-tube set; construct code oscillator; theory of code oscillator.

Monday, 23 April Construct two-tube amplifier.

Tuesday, 24 April: Finish amplifier.

Thursday, 26 April: Construct two-way communication system; theory of operation.

Friday, 27 April: Disassembling of sets.

Sign up in Educational Office this week.

Saturday, 14 April, 1945



MaMlc Henry A. Mayor, MaM3c Woodrow D. Kehl, and MaM2c Ted Parker pass out the good news at morning mail call.



Shown distributing the mail are MaM3c Woodrow D. Kehl, MaMlc Henry A. Mayor, MaM3c Everett L. Smith, and MaM3c Ursel R. Neale.

Hospital's Busy Post Office Is Prime Morale Builder

As far as Oak Knoll's Post Office is concerned, the hospital might as well be a city of 100,000, for that is the volume of mail received and sent here. This more than ten-fold edge is, of course, due to the fact that home for most of us is somewhere else with mail the important link.

And because we are essentially a migratory population, on our way from somewhere to somewhere else, the Directory Service is comparable to the Dead Letter Section of a metropolitan city.

Heading the Post Office is CMaM George A. Davis, with a crew of 13 mail rates and 8 patients assigned by Rehabilitation. Directly above the Post Office is the Directory Service with 13 civilian employees under the direction of MaM2c Bill Petri.

In an average month, \$8,000 worth of stamps are sold, 800 to 1000 insured parcels are handled, and a similar number of registered letters. Proving that servicemen do not forget the folks at home, from 1800 to 2000 money orders are made out each month.

Despite free postage service, a great many men prefer the speedier

Air Mail and 700 to 800 lbs. a week leave Oak Knoll for distant points. Incidentally, it should be noted that domestic air mail rates are 8 cents per ounce, while rates for letters destined for overseas are 6 cents per half ounce. A great many air mail letters are returned because of improper postage.

CMaM Davis, a veteran of 23 years of post office work, came to Oak Knoll after an extended tour of duty abroad, including New Zealand and Guadalcanal, where he was in charge of the establishing of four post offices. He is also credited with establishing the parcel post set-up in the Fleet Post Office to handle the Christmas rush, where 1,110,000 bags of mail were handled in two months—the largest mail movement in history.

In regard to his staff, Chief Davis says, "I think these twelve men are the best crew I've had during my 31 months in the Navy." He and his crew are also very proud of the eight 4.0 inspections they have had in the last two months. Captain Snell has complimented them on having one of the cleanest activities on the compound.



A scene in the busy Directory Section of the Post Office shows Virginia Hunt and Sic John Berger working at their files.

It's just an idea—but if your neighbor keeps his radio going full blast until 2 a.m., give him a ring at 4 a.m. and tell him how much you enjoyed it.

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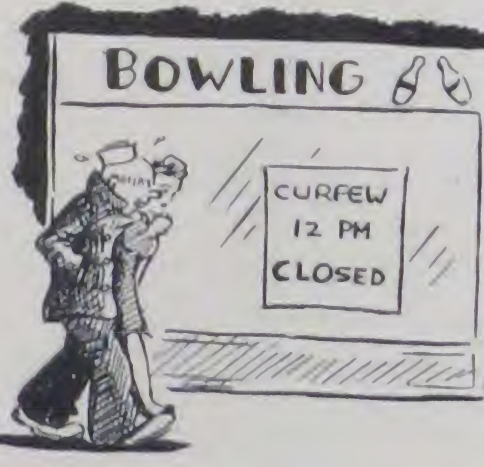
Wac: "How are you doing in your race for matrimony?"

Wave: "I think I'm on my last lap."

The bewildered guest eyed the youngster who was driving nails into the furniture. He turned to the hostess, saying, "Don't you find it rather expensive to let your child play like that?"

"Not at all," the hostess replied cheerfully. "I get the nails wholesale."

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"THE CURFEW HOUR"



PEN.

Scuttlebutt

The girls are really upset now that the handsome M. P. who used to strut in front of Ship's Service got a change in detail. . . . They're all **Craven** for another look at him. . . .

Seen in a local pub: **Loretta Reser** and **Don Ehlman** drinking tall, cool glasses of milk! . . .

Gill and **Ernie**, two country boys in the big city, are keeping away from the bright spots ever since that lovely but very expensive evening at the Lake Merritt Hotel. . . .

Dental Clinic wants it known that **Garrett** is definitely not the Wolf of the Compound. . . . He blushes when a girl even looks at him. . . .

Wasley and **Herb** find it so-o-o convenient to have Central Supply and the Lab. so close together. . . .

Have you heard of the budding romance between **Dorothy Ingsley** and **Wilson**? . . . And after working together so long. . . .

No, ma'am, he didn't forget to wash his face. . . . That's **Fordyce** and that's a mustache. . . . Or so he says. . . .

Why don't they feed **Spanke**? . . . He's always wandering around looking for something to eat. . . . Just a growing boy, I guess. . . .

Disbursing Office is elated at their recent acquisition of a quiet WAVE, . . . pretty **Prudence Sanders, Sic.** . . .

Mr. Dietsch of the Disbursing Office, is the proud father of a baby girl . . . which accounts for his sleepiness during the day. . . . Poor man, not only is he surrounded by women all day, but now he spends the night carrying one around. . . .

There is a proverb in Surgery 1 to the effect that "Long Pants" **Checki** takes up where the other wolves leave off. . . .

And speaking of Surgery 1, the O. R. technicians there are said to have quite a ticklish problem on their hands. . . . But it doesn't bother them a bit. . . .

The MILLS of the gods grind slowly but exceedingly fine, it is said. . . . By way of proof, we refer you to a certain deflated, hyphenated individual in the Ad Building Annex. . . .

Hours and Regulations For Bowling Clarified

The hospital's six rejuvenated bowling alleys are back in action now and for the benefit of all, the hours are reprinted here:

Open Bowling	1000-1130
Staff Officers and Staff	1130-1300
Patient Officers and	
Patients	1300-1630
Staff Officers and Staff	1730-2100

The alleys open at 1130 on Friday and Saturday, at 1300 on Sunday, and at 1000 on other days. It is emphasized that I.D. cards or dog tags must be shown when renting bowling shoes.

To Our Wave Dental Technicians

*Efficiency is their motto,
They never think of rest;
When patients leave the office,
They know they've had the best.*

*They swab the deck, they polish brass,
They wash the windows clean;
And when our Field Day comes along,
They care not to be seen.*

*In between each mixed cement,
They powder cheeks and noses,
And when the patients see them here,
They start to think of roses.*

*They stand a watch from twelve to four,
And go to work at eight;
And even though they like to sleep,
They never get here late.*

*They stand in line to get their chow,
They stand beside the chair;
They stand along the ramps at night,
To make the M.A.A.'s stare.*

*Their liberty is a ritual,
They never miss a date;
And if the right man comes along,
They sometimes take a mate.*

*They're on the ball at every turn,
You cannot question that;
The only thing they'll never learn,
Is how to square their hat.*

*Their biggest gripe, I hear them say,
Is when the J. G. comes to stare,
And with a very strong voice replies,
"Go out and cut your hair."*

*And when the war is over,
And victory is won,
The Navy to these girls will say,
"Thanks for a job well done."*

—Lt. L. W. Strong, Jr.

Queen—

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Ship's Service, while "Mickey" Finn of the Security Office and Sgt. Helen Erickson Hamilton, with one vote less, shared seventh place. The eleven other candidates in the race, among them a nurse, Ens. M. E. Bows and Wave Lt. (jg) Lois Simons, all were in a position to cause the leaders trouble yet.

In the next issue of the Oak Leaf, the pictures of the leaders in the contest will be printed, so it behooves all the admirers of the various candidates to get into the fight. Also it has been announced by the judges of the contest that beginning next week, in the interests of tightening the race and conserving space, candidates with only one vote will not be listed.

Plans for the gala festivities on Monday evening, May 28, which will be provided by the Welfare and Recreation Department, are now under way.

Staff Pin League Now Being Formed

A Staff Bowling League is now in the process of formation at Oak Knoll, under the auspices of the Welfare and Recreation Department. All departments are invited to enter four-man teams in the league, which expects to swing into action late in April.

The competition will be organized on a handicap basis and a department may use one man who is not a member of that department.

Full details concerning this league may be obtained from PhM 3c John Dobris at the Alleys.

Hospital Bowling Team Enters District League

Oak Knoll's Bowling Team has been entered into the Eastern League of the 12th Naval District in their campaign to take district honors. Nine teams will participate in league play.

In addition to Oak Knoll, the teams include: Camp Parks "Reds," Camp Parks "Blues," Shoemaker, Livermore, Treasure Island Hospital, Medical Supply Depot, Shoemaker Hospital, and Treasure Island Dispensary.

District Golf Tournament Set for April 29th

On Sunday, April 29, a Men's District Golf Tournament will be held at Sharp Park course. All staff and patients are eligible and may sign up at the Welfare and Recreation Office.

This will be a no handicap match, the lowest gross score being the winner. Transportation to this tournament will be provided.

Softballers Beat POC 4 to 2

Opening the pre-season practice schedule, Oak Knoll's softball squad edged out the Pacific Overseas Command team 4-2 on Thursday, April 5. The game was featured by a home run by Ferguson in the sixth inning.

All the scoring of both teams was done in the sixth frame, the Pacific men tallying twice and Oak Knoll bouncing right back with four runs. On the basis of their early season form, it looks as if the hospital team is definitely in the running for district honors.

The battery for Oak Knoll consisted of Parkinson and Kieswater; for Pacific Overseas Command DeManio and Burke.

Keglers Split Twin Bill With Naval Supply Depot

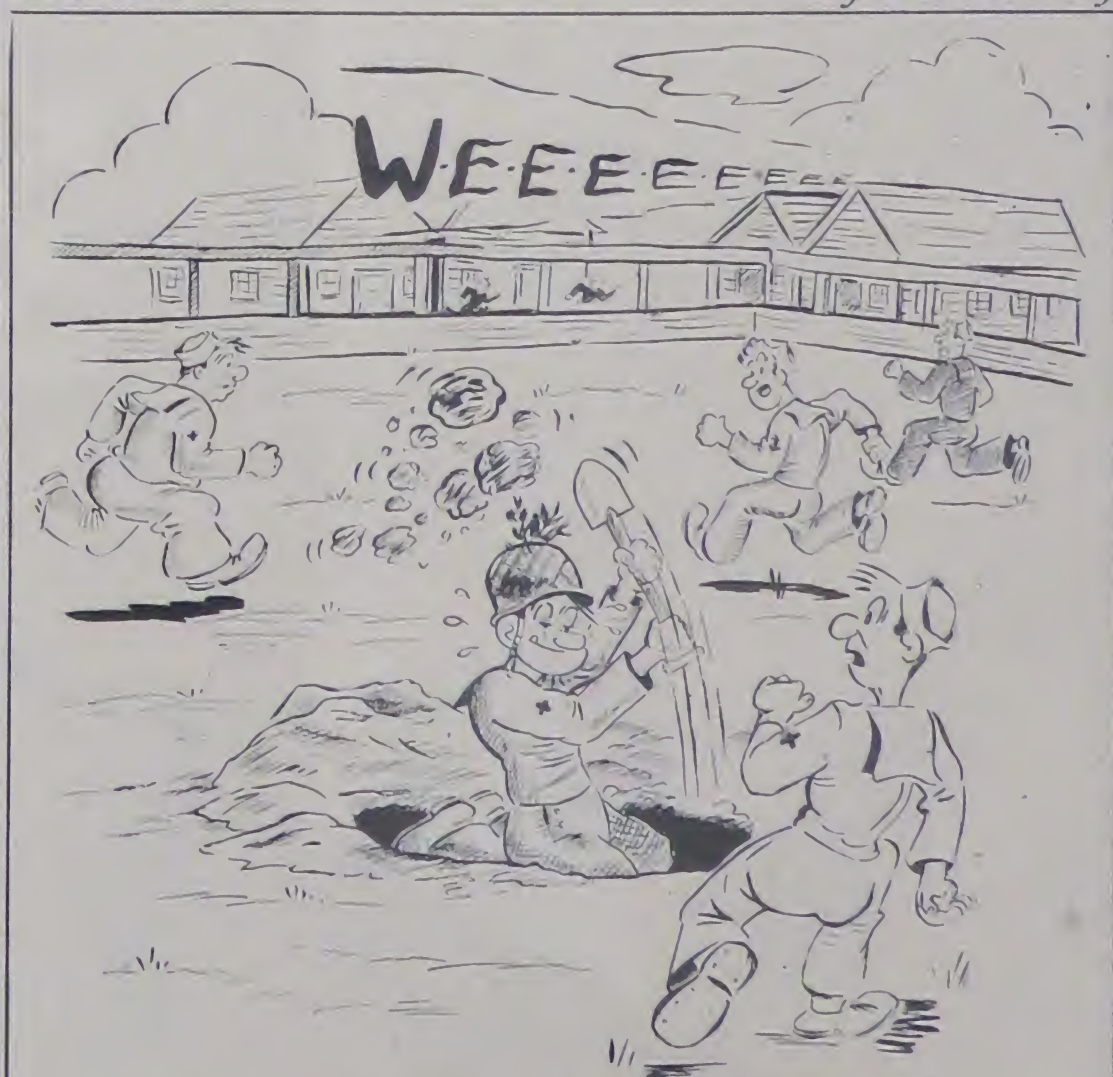
In a double-header Bowling match with the Naval Supply Depot held on Wednesday, April 5, Oak Knoll's teams broke even, the women winning 1913-1818 and the men losing 2632-2532. It was an evening of mediocre pin-toppling, none of the teams being up to their usual form.

High games for the locals were Haynie with 201 and Watson with 152. Watson also took high triple for the women with 416, with Mustin topping the men with a 548.

Two rabid Californians, during a heavy rainstorm in San Francisco, watched the downpour with embarrassed expressions. Finally, after a deep silence, one said to the other, "Boy, some terrible weather certainly does blow in from Nevada, doesn't it?"

MOIPHY . . .

By Penberthy



"No, no, Moiphy . . . This is a FIRE Drill!"

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Surgery Head Leaves



Captain W. H. Bueermann (MC) USNR, Chief of Surgical Service at Oak Knoll for the past year, was detached on April 16. After a short respite, he will embark for Aiea Heights Hospital, Hawaii, where he will occupy a similar position.

A party was held in Surgery 2 on Friday, April 13, in his honor, with the Surgery Staff presenting him with a gift as a tribute to his popularity and fine work.

Captain Howard Gray, of the Aiea Heights Hospital, is due to arrive soon to fill Captain Bueermann's position here.

Oak Knoll bids Captain Bueermann a regretful farewell and wishes him a successful tour of duty on his new overseas assignment.

Bank Facilities Now Available at Hospital

With the opening of a Facility of the Bank of America on April 16, Oak Knoll can now offer complete banking privileges to its military personnel. This service is located in newly-constructed quarters on the first deck of ward 73B.

Checking Accounts, Savings Deposits, and Cashing Checks are the services offered here. However, no loans will be made and patronage is restricted to military personnel.

The hours are 0900 to 1300 Monday through Friday; 0900 to 1100 on Saturday. Mr. William Whitburn will be in charge of the Facility.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Colonial America deserved a courageous military statesman: George Washington was provided. Civil War days called for a humanitarian: Abraham Lincoln rose to power. World War I demanded a man of vision to lay the foundations for world government: Woodrow Wilson became President. Depression, totalitarianism, and World War II, brought the felt need for a dynamic leader who could rally the country in home and foreign matters and press on toward equality, freedom, and peace in spite of the complexities of big business and politics: the Great Provider gave us Franklin Delano Roosevelt—a truly practical idealist.

Again and again his sonorous voice brought communities and nations closer together. Those "fireside chats" were simple, human, and warm. The man who could smile while overcoming the greatest of barriers was a constant inspiration to his people. For all mankind he worked himself to exhaustion. He had no fear of death.

Episcopalian in faith, our President brought aid to all faiths as he defended every man's right to worship God according to the dictates of his own heart. Born in riches, he was the champion of the poor. A member of the white race, he was the Good Neighbor to Latin America, and was "color-blind" where the freedom of Negroes, Orientals, and American Indians was at stake. American in nationality, he sought to feed the starving families of Europe. It is "simply a matter of decency," he said. Franklin Roosevelt was the "servant of all."

In factories, on farms, in schools, in the armed services—all were stunned by the President's death. Around the world the nations bow in solemn tribute. Since he was Assistant Secretary of Navy during the First World War and Commander-in-Chief in World War II, ours is a military as well as a social and personal loss. But nearest to the President's heart was the elimination of World War III. "America hates war," he reminded us as he sacrificially worked toward a just peace for all peoples. May we remember the things that made him great, and so live.

Silvester, Ott Gain on Lt. Arbogast In Tightening Purple Heart Race

Approaching the midway mark of Oak Knoll's Purple Heart Queen Contest, Lt. H. E. Arbogast clung to a narrowing lead over Roberta Silvester and Doris Ott. Getting 13 votes in the past week to Miss Arbogast's 5, Barbara Silvester surged into second place over Doris Ott, who gamely kept the pace with a neat 7 votes.

Ida May Schneider, fifth last week, swept into fourth place with an increase of 6 votes, while Ann Silva took fifth with an equal increase. Virginia Lee, Helen Kuziara, and Lt. (jg) Lois Simons each scored consistently to stay within challenging distance of the leaders.

Noteworthy among newcomers in the drive for Oak Knoll blood

for Oak Knoll patients, was Florence Rush, who got five votes in the past week. While some names are not listed this week because they have only one vote, initial publicity is given to Ens. Anne Wassonberg and Ens. Lucillia Yaccoveta, both of whom were entered in the contest this week.

Present plans call for the honoring not only of the Queen of the Purple Hearts at the all-staff festivities on Monday evening, May 28, but also for recognition for her four maids of Honor.

In next week's Oak Leaf, at the halfway mark in the contest, the pictures of the three or four leading contenders will definitely be printed.

FDR Mourned by Oak Knollers

Oak Knoll was a shocked and saddened place on April 12 when the news of President Roosevelt's death was flashed over the radio. The usual banter and bustle of ward life vanished, and silent groups gathered around the radios as the bulletins came in.

A Personal Loss

Added to the general sobering effect of the news was a widespread sense of personal loss. He was mourned not only as President and Commander in Chief but also as a friendly person one had known and respected. To the average GI he was the only President remembered with any distinctness.

In accordance with ALNAV 69 and 70, a five-minute silent and prayer period was observed at 1300 on Saturday, April 14. On Sunday, a Memorial Service was held in the Auditorium, with the program arranged by Chaplain Chrisman.

Capt. Dearing Speaks

In his remarks Captain Dearing stressed the great loss to the Navy and the Nation. Chaplain Chrisman and Chaplain Cronin each spoke briefly and the service ended with the singing of the Navy Hymn and "Taps."

Purple Heart Queen Contest

LATEST RETURNS

Lt. H. E. Arbogast NNC	39
Roberta Silvester	26
Doris Ott	23
Ida May Schneider	15
Ann Silva	12
Virginia Lee	10
Helen Kuziara	8
Lt. (jg) Lois Simons	8
Helen Erickson Hamilton	5
Margaret "Mickey" Finn	5
Alice McEneany	5
Maggie Moore	5
Florence Rush	5
Martha McGee	4
Tex Bennett	3
Jacqueline Kitlen	3
Phyllis Glenn	2
Ens. Anne Wassonberg	1
Ens. Lucillia Yaccoveta	1

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• Contribute to the Blood Bank

Since the blood bank opened January 22, 1945, we have averaged 200 transfusions a month. Of those whole bloods given out 75 per cent has been donated by the patients, staff and civilian employees of this base. But we can make it 100 per cent. Let's all try to do our share toward upholding our slogan, "Oak Knoll Blood for Oak Knoll Patients."

1. *GIVE* to the fellow who never stopped giving until stopped by a force too big to overcome.

2. *GIVE* because a pint of your blood may mean the difference between life and death to the one who needs the transfusion.

3. *GIVE* to show your appreciation to a serviceman for having done his share toward preserving our democracy.

4. *GIVE* to elect your chosen "Queen of the Purple Heart."

We are here for your convenience in giving. Phone 235 for an appointment.

Off the Bookshelf

Are your chances of reading *Forever Amber* any better than those of the students of Dartmouth College? We submit this question to the hospital mathematicians to solve. Dartmouth College Library has two copies and 27 reserves. We had 15 copies at the last reckoning (and hope we still have that many!) and 114 reserves.

The Dartmouth readers required 12 days on the average to read the book; the hospital library limits the period of loan to seven days, so that our copies circulate faster. If you multiply 114 by seven, you can readily see, as our Dartmouth friends wittily point out, that it may truly be, *Forever* before you get *Amber*. However, with transfers as rapid as they are, things are not quite so black as they seem—the man ahead of you on the list may get a survey before you do!

New books in the library are as follows:

"How to Do Practically Anything"

Giusti: *Drawing Figures*.

Hunt: *Lettering of Today*.

Kronquist: *Metalcraft and Jewelry*.

Richter: *Practical Electricity*.

Terry: *Invitation to Dance*.

Wood: *How to Draw Portraits*.

Wright: *How to Speak in Public*.

How to Tell a Bird From a Beetle

Barbour: *That Vanishing Eden*; a naturalist's Florida.

Carrighar: *One Day on Beetle Rock*; 10 stories of life in an animal community in the High Sierra.

Carter: *Animals of the Pacific World*.

Jaques: *Snowshoe Country*. (Northern Minnesota and Canada.)

Is That Music in the Air?

Ewen: *Music for the Millions*; the encyclopedia of musical masterpieces.

Miller: *Esquire's Jazz Book*.

Strube: *The Theory and Use of Chords*: a text-book of harmony.

Look at the Future

The Aviation Annual of 1945.

Cherry: *General Plastics*.

Leyson: *Plastics in the World of Tomorrow*.

Neuschutz: *Jobs for the Physically Handicapped*.

Look at the Present

Davis: *Half Past When*; an American with the fighting French.

Gibbons: *Military Decorations and Campaign Service Bars of the United States*.

Olds: *Helldiver Squadron*; the story of carrier bombing squadron 17, with task force 58.

Parsons: *Mob 3*; a naval hospital in a South Sea jungle.

Tobin: *Turkey*; key to the East.

Werth: *Leningrad*.

Look at the Past

Baker: *Garibaldi*. (The Italian patriot.)

Henry: *"First With the Most."* Forrest, the Confederate leader who founded the Ku Klux Klan.

MacMullen: *Paddle-wheel Days in California*. (Especially steamers of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers.)

Freeman: *Lee's Lieutenants*, vol. 3, Gettysburg to Appomattox.

Craft Shop Has New Quarters

Anyone who has come up to the Red Cross Craft Shop during the last week, and who has seen those signs on the doors which read "Craft Shop closed until further notice," probably wonders what is going on around here. It isn't that the gals who run the place just got tired of it all. The real reason is that the Craft Shop is in the process of being moved, and will reopen in the near future in the new building next door to the Bowling Alleys. And for those of you who have ever struggled through the mob in the present shop, this should be good news. The new shop, which, incidentally, is to be known as the Hobby Shop, is four times the size of the old one, and there should be plenty of room for everyone who is interested in doing craft work.

Among the new group of Gray Ladies now taking their training course, there are a number of professionally trained craft workers who will assist in the Hobby Shop. New crafts to be offered will include wood carving, work in lucite, ceramics, metal work (jewelry making), block printing, and drawing and painting. These new craft workers, many of whom are talented artists and who have

"Peace" Is Topic for Christian Leaguers

"The Task of the Church to Maintain the Peace" is the topic to be discussed by the Service Men's Christian League next Tuesday, 24 April. The group will meet on the 2nd deck of the Bag Room Building 132, at 1800.

This discussion, the second in a series of four concerning the San Francisco Conference, will be led by the popular young Berkeley minister, the Rev. Tracy Jones. Last week, Lieutenant Payne, Educational Officer, spoke on "What Is the San Francisco Conference?" All are invited next Tuesday.

earned their livings in their fields, will assist in teaching new crafts, and will give advanced training to men who have had more work in a particular craft.

Besides the regular handicrafts offered in the new shop, there will be a special section set aside for hobbies. Anyone who is interested in working on his particular hobby is welcome to use the facilities of the new shop, and do his work there.

The ward craft program will expand, too, with the opening of the new shop, and crafts which bed patients can handle will be offered.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

The Living and the Living Dead

Jesus once said, "God is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—God of the living, and not of the dead." The odd thing is that when Jesus said this, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had all three been dead for several hundred years. At least they had been dead according to our ways of deciding whether a man is or is not alive. Jesus' idea of being alive must then be quite different from ours. Jesus means—they are alive to God! When we are born—we are born to live, not to die. We are born to live with God and our fellowmen for all eternity. Those who do are the "living."

Out of the voodooism of the Indies has come the name "Zombie" for an imaginary group of people. They are known as the "living dead." Their bodies are alive, but the soul has been stolen away by some evil power. We know that it is not possible for some power outside of a man to destroy his soul. But there are men and women who do murder their own souls. Early in life they begin the habits of action and thought that slowly but surely strangle and smother the soul within. These are the "living dead." These are the ones who have ears to hear good, yet hear only evil. They have hands and bodies that were created to do noble deeds, yet they do evil acts.

When a man's body is motivated by a live and vigorous soul, it is a temple that shelters the spirit of Christ. When a man's body is activated by personal greed and lust, it is no fit place for the soul to remain. Little wonder that Jesus said "ye must be born again" to come from the "living dead."

CHAPLAIN ANDREW T. L. ARMSTRONG.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.

Sunday: Morning Worship—0930.

Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.

Vespers—1800.

Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)

—0730.

Discussion Group (alternating Mondays and Tuesdays in Chapel)—

1730.

Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)

—1800.

L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at

1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplains—R. V. Cronin, J. P. Corley.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830 and 1100.

Weekday Mass—0650 and 1640.

Confessions—Daily, before Mass;

Saturdays at 1900; on the Thursday

before each first Friday at 1900.

Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.

Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.

The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance

on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500.

Will all Jewish personnel kindly send

in names to the Chaplain.

This Collegiate Revue Featured Youth, Beauty and Talent



Left to right: A unique makeshift band accompanies a rustic duet; the comely quartet sings a hit tune of the day; the Milkmaid number features a barefoot twosome.

Mills Girls Present Farmyard Frolics

"Farmyard Frolics," an engaging little college show featuring songs from neighboring Mills, was presented in the Auditorium Friday evening, April 6. The youthful charm and talent of the girls made the revue a hit with the packed audience.

Quartet Sings

The show was opened by four formally gowned young ladies warbling popular ballads of the day. A weirdly costumed chorus got many laughs with their "By the Sea" number.

A rustic band, playing on various appliances ranging from coke bottles to combs, managed to produce something faintly akin to music to the huge delight of all. Betty Peck followed with a well-received comic song, "I'm Just Wild."

The biggest hand of the evening went to Carol Noble for her rendition of classic selections on the piano. She was called back for two encores before the curtain could descend upon the first half of the show.

Milkmaids Star

The entire second portion of the festivities took place down on the farm with various girls providing comic bits accompanied by the rustic musical aggregation. The Milkmaid number, which ended with hard candy being showered in the audience, was especially liked.

Pat Saracco was director of the group and in charge of all arrangements. Barbara Grutze provided the piano accompaniment for the various numbers. Oak Knoll's congratulations and thanks go to Mills College for this spirited and well-received revue.

You figure it out: Before the war, gals wanted sheer stockings to look like legs. Now they use make-up to make the same legs look like stockings.

Chaplains Carry On During Fierce Iwo Jima Battle

Iwo is over now. During that two-week siege, one of the bloodiest in modern history, 20,000 young American men became casualties. Four thousand of them died in conquest of this tiny island's two precious air strips which brought our forces within more deadly striking distance of the enemies of Christian culture and peace on earth.

Marine Corps combat correspondents tell the story and no small part of it has to do with the Navy chaplains who went in with the first assault troops, ran and crawled with the Marines up that murderous beach; and tirelessly brought the solace of religion to the frightened, the wounded, the dying.

Hold Services on Beach

During the first days on the beach, men of the Third Tank Battalion attended non-sectarian religious services in groups of five at a time. Marine Sergeant Ralph W. Myers reported that in a shell hole less than 500 yards behind the front lines, Chaplain John E. Hollingsworth of Birmingham, Ala., held brief prayer services all afternoon. The services were cut to five-minute periods and continued while the battalion spearheaded the Ninth Marines' bloody drive across the bitterly-contested Motoyama Airfield No. 2.

Other Navy chaplains holding first services on the beach were Lieut. Thomas Driscoll of East St. Louis, Ill., who held masses behind sandbagged emplacements, and Commander Harry E. Wood of Trenton, N. J., Fourth Division Chaplain, who held Protestant services wherever he could find men together.

As enemy artillery fire punctuated the ceremony, Chaplains Alvo O. Martin of Manistique, Mich., James Quinn of St. Albans, N. Y., and Elihu Rickel of Buffalo, N. Y.,

dedicated the Third Marine Division's cemetery on Iwo Jima's southern beaches. As mortar and shell fire burst about them, the three Navy chaplains conducted individual committal services at each grave while the bodies were laid to rest.

At evacuation centers chaplains not only prayed with the wounded—they also assisted the Naval corpsmen by acting as stretcher bearers and aiding the doctors in any way possible.

Two other Navy chaplains told this one to Correspondent David Dempsey. The Padres, Lieut. Roger Barney, former Episcopal rector of St. Paul's Church, North Conway, N. H., and Lieut. (jg) Joseph F. Hammond of Holy Family Church, Flushing, N. Y., were "digging in" for the night in an abandoned Japanese gun emplacement when Father Hammond noticed a string leading into the ground and impairing the comfort of the foxhole, so he cut it. Over the opening into which the string led, he put a makeshift pillow.

For two nights the chaplains slept in perfect comfort. Then the bomb disposal squad came along.

Sleeps on Mine

One of the men took a look at the mysterious string and gave a yell. In two minutes he cleared the chaplains out and began investigating. Underneath Father Hammond's pillow he discovered a box of explosives, ready to go off at a tug of the string. The Catholic chaplain had been sleeping over the biggest booby trap that had been discovered on the island so far.

As the fighting died down, the chaplains were able to hold divine services more regularly for larger groups of men. And now, according to the report of Staff Sergeant Alvin M. Josephy, jr., Chaplains Martin and Rickel have even es-

Famed Flag Group Includes PhMlc

The classic photograph of the American flag being raised on Mount Suribachi on D-plus-4 includes John H. Bradley, PhMlc, with Co. E, 28th Regiment, 5th Marine Division. Bradley is second man from the right in AP photographer Joe Rosenthal's great picture. He was wounded several days after the incident. Bradley has served with the Marine Corps since 14 April, 1944.

A former Oak Knoll hospital corpsman, Bradley came back to the hospital recently and briefly as a patient before proceeding to the East.

established a lending library on Iwo Jima with 1,000 cloth and paper-covered books which they secured from ships unloading at the beaches. The library was set up in a pyramidal tent dug into a fox-hole in Division Headquarters. The books were made available to the men at the front lines through individual regimental chaplains. Private First Class Leon Schnitzer, who helped the chaplains set up the library, said that the first book borrowed by a fighting man was "The Adventures of Davy Crockett!"

IS YOUR SHIRTAIL STICKING OUT?



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PhM3c Dinkins and PhM2c Peterson use the Electrocardiograph on Chief Louis Prens, who came from Albany for consultation.

ECG Department Contains Invaluable Science Aids

"These are among medicine's most useful instruments to determine abnormalities of the heart that often cannot be diagnosed by any other means," said Lt. M. Sokolow (MC) (S) USNR, head of the Electrocardiograph Department at Oak Knoll.

Gives Vital Information

Lt. Sokolow was speaking of the Electrocardiograph Basal Metabolism and Stethogram machines which have been used to such advantage in the past year in giving information regarding patients.

"In the past year our department did twice as many Basal Metabolisms as in the previous twelve months, completed thousands of Electrocardiograms, which was almost a 4 to 1 increase.

Records Heart Currents

"The Electrocardiograph records heart currents. These currents are so minute that it has been said the electrical energy (if collected) produced by one heart would be sufficient only to light a flashlight bulb for one second every 2,500 years.

"It is the tiny electric current that causes the heart to contract. The current can be led off from the heart to the surface of the body and recorded if proper contact is made between wires and any two areas of the body which include the heart between them."

"What is the result of such a test?" we asked.

"We get a photographic record of the electrical phenomena which occur within the heart during its contraction and relaxation. This photographic record appears in the form of waves which appear to move upwards then downwards at a rapid rate of speed.

"To be more specific," he continued, "we get a tracing which consists of a series of deflections of waves produced by the up and down movement of the shadow of the string in the instrument. The movements of the string are in response to the electrical currents generated in the heart. By string instrument, I mean that we use the string galvanometer type of Electrocardiograph machine."

When asked if the patient felt anything while the Electrocardiogram was being taken, Lt. Sokolow shook his head negatively.

Four Leads Used

"We simply rub some jelly on four parts of the body and attach wire leads to electrodes against the skin. Plates are attached to both arms, the left leg and the chest. This way the exact picture of the impulses of the heart in four different leads can be taken. The first three leads are taken with wires to both arms and the left leg. The fourth and most sensitive lead is taken with connections from the right arm and chest just over the heart."

To conclude discussion of the Electrocardiogram, Lt. Sokolow remarked, "It can be said that this machine ferrets out many types of hidden damage to heart muscles, particularly coronary disease and is very useful in cardiac irregularities. It points the way to treatment needed and undoubtedly has resulted in prolonging and saving many lives, as well as reassuring many people who have fear of heart disease. It must be emphasized that the Electrocardiograph is not infallible and a normal tracing does not by itself exclude heart disease.



PhM3c Evans supervises the functioning of the Basal Metabolism instrument with patient HA2c J. L. Noland.

The Stethogram, the most recent acquisition of the Department, is a machine which takes photographic records of heart sounds.

These heart sounds are recorded by means of an amplifying stethoscope which actuates a moving coil galvanometer. This coil has a mirror attached to it. The mirror projects a beam of light through an optical system onto photographic paper. The coil movement is in the same direction as that produced by the Electrocardiogram. The heart pounds can be correlated with what the doctor hears and recorded as a permanent record.

Measure BMR

"The basal metabolism instrument is used mainly to reflect the degree of plus or minus activity of the thyroid gland, a gland vital to our energy, weight and general health.

"We find the BMR (basal metabolic rate," he asserted. "By this we mean the heat production of a subject who, though awake, is as nearly as possible at complete muscular and mental rest.

"This is done by determining the amount of oxygen consumed over a short period of time. This is compared with tables of what normals are expected to consume.

"The basal metabolism rate is below normal in pathological states, notably hypo-thyroidism, starvation and under-nutrition. Conditions of high basal metabolism include leukemia and fever as well as hyperthyroidism.

Staff Praised

"These wonderfully accurate, interesting machines are doing a fine job here at Oak Knoll because of the cooperation and excellent work of the fine staff of corpsmen in the department. I'd like to name them and give well deserved credit. They are: A. C. Peterson, PhM2c, in charge; H. E. Dinkins, PhM3c,

Rear Admiral Rank Given MC Officer

The Senate this week confirmed appointment for temporary service as rear admiral for Capt. John Harper (MC), USN, medical officer in command at USNH, Bethesda, Md. In addition, the Senate confirmed appointment of seven commodores in the Medical Corps.

These promotions represent the first such appointments from the regular active duty list of Medical Department officers other than those serving as Surgeon General during the period 1871 to 1897.

New commodores are: William W. Hargrave (MC), USN, BUMED Personnel Officer; Joel T. Boone (MC), USN, fleet medical officer Third Fleet; John P. Owen (MC), USN, fleet medical officer, Seventh Fleet; Thomas C. Anderson (MC), USN, medical officer of staff of Commander in Chief, Pacific fleet; Morton D. Willcutt (MC), USN, fleet medical officer Fifth Fleet; John C. Adams (MC), USN, chief of Aviation Medicine Division, BUMED; Carlton L. Andrus (MC), USN, chief of Planning Division, BUMED.

New Appeal Made for Food Conservation

As a result of the present food outlook, all activities were ordered in A1Nav 52 of 22 March, 1945, to establish new conservation measures and to adjust menus to ward the use of foods which are more plentiful at this time. Shortages are expected in fresh and canned meats, dairy products, poultry, fats and oils, and most canned fruits and vegetables.

repairs and maintenance: R. Caramello, HA1c; W. W. Massey, HA1c; L. J. Toth, HA2c; WAV A. F. Evans, PhM3c, and G. F. Twining, HA2c."

Saturday, 21 April, 1945

Sonja Henie Visits



Sonja Henie, celebrated movie star and skater, paid a flying and announced visit to Oak Knoll on the afternoon of Thursday, April 12. She visited informally on wards 41A, 43B, 70A and 72A, chatted with the patients, and signed many autographs.

As her husband is a captain in the Marine Corps, Miss Henie was especially eager to talk to marines who have recently returned from overseas.

Medical Officer, PhM1c Hurt on USS Honolulu

Lt. John F. Merritt (MC), USN, and Perry H. Boone, PhM1c, USN, were awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained when the USS Honolulu was torpedoed in Leyte Gulf on 20 October, 1944. The famous "Blue Goose" made a classic 12,000-mile trip to an American drydock after temporary repairs.

Capt. Newhouser Gets Coveted Kober Award

Capt. Lloyd R. Newhouser (MC), USN, was given the coveted Kober award by Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., in recognition of his work in relation to the Medical Department's blood fractionation program at the Naval Medical Research Institute.

More Facts About G.I. Vet-Loans

The provisions of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act do not authorize the United States Veterans Administration to lend money to the veteran. The lender ordinarily will be a private corporation or an individual, although in certain situations under other laws other Government agencies do make loans to persons with certain qualifications and for certain purposes. An individual veteran may, in a given situation, be eligible to obtain such a loan, but that is separate and distinct from the right to a guaranty under certain circumstances as granted by the Servicemen's Readjustment Act. A veteran desiring information about obtaining a loan from some other Government agency may obtain the name and address of the appropriate agency from the nearest office of the U. S. Veterans Administration.

For a veteran to start the necessary procedure to obtain guaranty of a loan pursuant to the Service Men's Readjustment Act, he should first consult the person or concern from whom he expects to borrow the money. Potential lenders in nearly all communities will have available the necessary application forms and the information which the veteran will desire. If such information is not readily available, the veteran should consult the nearest representative of the U. S. Veterans Administration. His address usually can be obtained from the local postmaster, if it is not found in the telephone directory listed under "United States—Veterans Administration."

The veteran first executes a form called a CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY. In this he gives a summary of his service record, the amount of the loan and the purpose for which it is to be used. This is countersigned and submitted to the U. S. Veterans Administration by the lender. This form is completed by the U. S. Veterans Administration with a certification that the veteran is eligible and that the requested amount of guaranty credit has been reserved for the loan. It names an approved appraiser to evaluate the property and informs the lender where to submit an application for guar-

Seek Candidates For Naval Exams

A request for naval officers to nominate candidates from naval ranks to take the Naval Academy entrance examinations was issued today by Twelfth Naval District headquarters.

To qualify, candidates should be of officer caliber; be a citizen of the United States; and must have nine months' active service in any ship or station prior to 1 July of the year in which entrance to the Naval Academy is desired. Candidates must be able to pass the required physical examination; be not less than 17 or more than 21 years of age; and must have completed three years of a high school course, or the equivalent, and have received credit for the satisfactory completion of one year of geometry.

Names of candidates eligible for the Naval Academy Preparatory School should be submitted to the Director, Naval Personnel Distribution, Enlisted Personnel Section, Room 204, 1182 Market Street, San Francisco, Calif., by 7 May 1945, according to Staff Headquarters.

anty. The lender and the veteran then complete the APPLICATION FOR GUARANTY and submit it together with normal credit information. This is checked and the Administration issues a guaranty of credit—LOAN GUARANTY CERTIFICATE—if the loan meets the requirements of the law.

CLARENCE E. WILLARD,

Contact Representative.

Don't divorce your wife if she flirts with the butcher. She's only playing for higher steaks.

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The barmaid was a flirt and when the Chief went out to buy a paper she pursed her lips invitingly and leaned over the bar toward the shy young HA2c. Putting her face against his, she whispered:

"Now's your chance, darling."

The HA2c looked around the empty room. "So it is," he remarked, and promptly drank the Chief's beer.

Well Done!

The Medical Officer in Command extends a WELL DONE to the following patients, for their prompt work in extinguishing the fire in the galley of Ward 82-B, on Friday, 13 April. The excellent way they used the ward fire-fighting equipment in the smoke-filled galley undoubtedly prevented serious damage to the ward.

BILBO, Lawrence J., BM1c
BUDGETT, Orville E., S1c
CURTIS, Charles E., S1c
MARCHETTI, Jack L., Y1c
MEIKLE, J. E., S1c
PEAVY, Bernice W., S1c
ROBERTS, Francis B., CM2c
SMITHSON, Harold J., S1c
ZELL, A. B., M1c

Scuttlebutt

What curly head in Pharmacy has all the women folk starry-eyed and receptive to his manifold charms? . . .

Another Romeo, whose telephone keeps tinkling amorously is Paul Lish. . . .

The old pie routine which was such a success in the movie slapstick days made a comeback recently at the hands of Hatchfield and Monty. . . . That is, Hatchfield's hands and Monty's face. . . . All in fun, of course. . . .

What with the help shortage, etc., the mailmen are glad to see Rosie back at work again. . . . Especially, etc. . . .

Someone is going down for the count in the Disbursing Office one of these days if the Coys don't quit feudin'. . . .

Congratulations go to Papa Chief Fitzgerald of the Security Office on the arrival of a 9 lb. 2 oz. Hospital Apprentice. . . . He passed out the cigars and Mickey manfully took one. . . . It is rumored she almost passed out, too. . . .

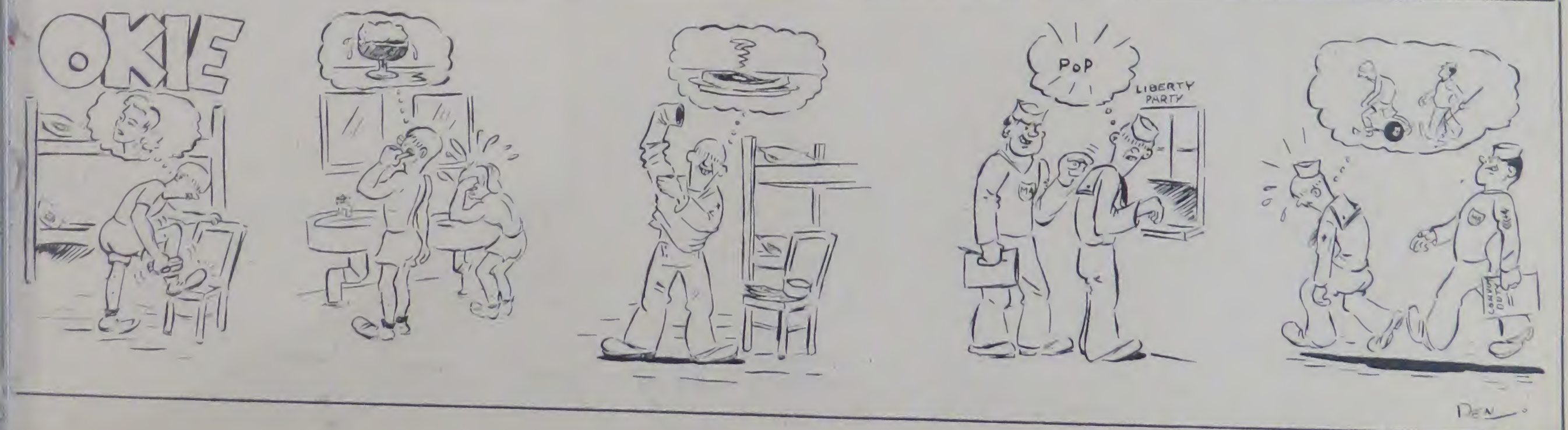
S1c: "Do you shrink from kissing?"

Girl: "My goodness, no. If I did, I'd be nothing but skin and bone."

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"Do you approve of tight skirts?"

"Naw. I think women ought to leave liquor alone."



Colorful Horse Show Will Be Presented Here on Sunday

A gala Horse Show will be presented for all hands on Sunday, April 22, at 1430 at the hospital's Stables at 7824 Mountain Blvd., one-half mile to the right of the Main Gate. The Show features the opening of the Welfare and Recreation Department's Riding Activity.

Starring the top Jumpers, Hunters, Stock Horses, and bucking broncos of the area, the show will also be featured by the crack drill teams of the Shrine Rangers and the Metropolitan Horse Association. In addition, there will be many novelty events, including a Stake Race, a Potato Race, and Musical Chairs.

After the Grand Entry of mounted riders and contestants, Lt. Carey, Welfare and Recreation Officer, will introduce Officers, Staff, and Civilians from Oak Knoll, the Shrine Rangers will present the Colors, and the day's colorful events will sweep into action.

Arena Announcer will be Charles J. Heinemann, a prominent Horseman of the Bay Area and Civilian Foreman at the hospital, who has helped greatly in organizing the show. Judges of the contest will be Mrs. Mary Barnum and Mr. Becker.

PhM3c H. C. "Smitty" Smith, who is in charge at the Stables, now has ten well-trained horses available for the use of Oak Knoll's patients and staff. Aside from being a grand recreation sport, horseback riding has definite Rehabilitation value. Extensive riding parties are now being organized daily.

Has Profitable Hobby



Another devotee of an interesting and profitable hobby is San Franciscan Wilford S. Hickman, BM1c, a patient on 42B, who turns out beautifully hand-tooled leather pocketbooks. Under the stimulus of Oak Knoll's rapidly expanding rehabilitation program, more and more patients are engaging in engrossing and worthwhile hobbies.

Patients Tell of Tense Moments in Pacific Fighting

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Here are uncensored remarks of patients at Oak Knoll as they tell of their most exciting moments while in the Armed Service.)

RALPH L. JOACHIN, S1c, USNR, of Rockford, Ill., says: "I had my greatest scare of the war in action around Los Negros. The Japs had a bead on our landing craft. We rolled in on the second wave, beating against a head wind of Nip bullets and rockets. The channel through which the whole invasion was being made was less than 300 yards wide. Dead Man's Alley, we called it. And that is just what it was, with many of my buddies losing their lives before they even got to the beach.

"I was coxswain. Five times I went through that hellish cross-fire. What kept me from getting it I do not know. Each time I returned for another boatload of marines I found that some of my coxswain pals who had started out with me before had been killed. The Lord was with me on that day."

ROBERT T. SCHREIBER, SLC, Chicago, Ill., tells of the sinking of his carrier, the St. Lo, in the battle of Samar Straits which saved MacArthur's invasion fleet in Leyte Gulf: "We took a hit from the Jap battle wagons which caught our small destroyer and carrier force on that fateful day," said Schreiber. "Our carrier reeled under fire all through the battle. Many of my mates paid the supreme sacrifice. But I was one of the favored.

"Just before I abandoned ship, a chief, a lieutenant and myself were on the starboard side of the carrier. We found it necessary to abandon ship on the port side. First the chief ran across a companionway. Then I followed. Almost immediately thereafter, and as the lieutenant was halfway across, the ship exploded and he was killed.

"I swam in the water for two hours before being picked up. How did I do it? I simply can't say. But I kept telling myself to stay cool . . . not to get scared. I made it and here I am at Oak Knoll."

E. F. BRADBURY, Tm 3c, USNR, of Los Angeles, Calif., says: "I have been in 15 major sea battles." (Bradbury isn't kidding as the writer saw his official Navy citations of seven stars and other commendations.)

"I feel honored to have been on 'The Sullivans.' My ship, the USS Henley, was sunk by a Jap suicide

bomber on October 3, 1943. That was the tightest moment of my life. I was stationed near the depth charge racks. When the suicide plane struck, the depth charges began rolling around on the deck as they broke loose from their racks.

"The Henley broke in half and went down fast. I found myself in the water. Then the depth charges began going off. The pain was terrible, but I survived. That is more than many of my mates were able to do."

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HOWARD WALLACE, Flc, USNR, of Louisville, Ky., saw his worst action while aboard the USS Sonoma, a seagoing tug in the action around Leyte. "The Nips threw a host of planes at us all day long," Wallace asserted. "We never knew when the next moment would be our last.

"At 0930, a fleet of 67 Jap bombers came over our task force. Many of them began peeling off. It looked to everyone of us aboard the Sonoma that they were heading right for us. I cannot say too much in praise of the anti-aircraft bombers, who knocked the Japs out of the air like quail."

The Leyte action was Wallace's eighth invasion. He has been through 40 air raids.

"I guess I just had an extra special lease on life," Wallace said.

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LAWRENCE C. TUTOR, El 1c, of Annapolis, Md., was with the Seabees who landed in Munda.

"There isn't much to tell," said Tutor. "I've been through campaigns in the Marshalls and elsewhere. But it was when we landed on Ondonga to build two airstrips that the Nips went after us with all their aerial stingers. We had 19 air raids. I had sand blown into my face so often that I sort of got to like the stuff as a steady diet. Here I am, though. And that is enough said."

Educational Services

Special Interest Programs are arranged in accordance with requests from patients. Drop a note in the suggestion box, classroom "A," if there is any particular subject you would like presented. This week's schedule, 0900-1100, classroom "A," Top Deck Marine Detachment.

23 April—Current Events (San Francisco Conference). Movies: "Mexico," "Flame Facts." Conducted by Lt. Payne.

24 April—"Postwar Opportunities in Agriculture." Presented by Mr. A. Shultis.

25 April—"Believe It or Not . . . A Ripley Feature." Mr. Clarence Willard.

26 April—"Farm Management." Movie: "McDonald on the Farm." Presented by Mr. A. Shultis.

27 April—Current Events. Movie: "Made in USA." Conducted by Lt. Payne.

Machine Shop Practice

While you are a patient it may be possible for you to brush up on the trade or business you expect to return to, either here in the hospital or at the Berkeley Evening Trade School, where you will have access to lathes, milling machines, shapers, grinders and drill presses. Many men find they can use this in-between time to get back their skill, or review what they need for civilian life. For suggestions or help come to the Educational Services Office.



MOIPHY . . .

By Penberthy



"Pet or no pet, Moiphy, he's bad for morale!"

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Here's Data On That S. F. Conference

Here is a check list to guide you in watching the progress of the San Francisco Conference.

1. **What is to be decided at the Conference?** A detailed plan for United Nations organization which will keep the world's peace, —one which will be free of the weaknesses of the old League.
2. **Is it a Peace Conference?** Not in the sense of settling the immediate issues arising out of the war, such as what to do with Germany, what to do about boundary questions, reparations, etc.
3. **Are the decisions at the Conference final?** No. They are proposals which will need to be ratified by the governments of the several nations. In the case of the U. S., this will mean ratification by the Senate.
4. **Why have this Conference now, before the war is over?** While the war continues, cooperation between various governments is at a maximum. At such a time, petty differences are more easily compromised for the total good. No one nation can afford to be independent and issue some ultimatum as the price of cooperation.
5. **What are the current obstacles to a successful Conference?**
 - (1) It is difficult to iron out basic differences of viewpoints at a public conference, if there has been no meeting of minds in private, diplomatic Conferences. Under modern conditions, public Conferences can

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Weekend Attractions

- Fri., April 27—1715 and 1930
"The Clock"
 Judy Garland, Robert Walker.
- Sat., April 28—1730 and 1930
"Shadow of Suspicion"
 Marjorie Weaver.
- Sun., April 29—1730 and 1930
"Grissly's Millions"
 Virginia Grey, Paul Kelly.
- Mon., April 30—1715 and 1930
"Counter Attack"
 P. Muni, Marguerite Chapman.

Will One of These Be Oak Knoll's Queen?



Lt. Hortense E. Arbogast



Roberta Silvester



Doris Ott



Ida May Schneider

Purple Heart Contest Now 3-Way Fight

Two Waves, Roberta Silvester and Doris Ott, gained on Lt. Hortense Arbogast again the past week to turn the contest for a Purple Heart Queen into a tense three-way struggle. Backed respectively by Patient Personnel and the Disbursing Office, Miss Silvester and Miss Ott are now both within ten votes of Surgery's representative, Miss Arbogast.

Miss Simons Gains

Holding steadily in fourth place was Dental Clinic's Ida May Schneider, while Lt. (jg) Lois Simons with nine new votes advanced spectacularly from eighth place to fifth. Ann Silva and Helen Kuziara, with 15 and 13 votes, were still definitely in the running.

Interest High

The Oak Leaf sponsored Purple Heart Contest, by now an outstanding success in its campaign to get blood for Oak Knoll patients, has also aroused a great deal of interest on the compound. Therefore, the pictures of the four leaders are shown in this issue.

The contest, which ends May 25, will be celebrated with coronation ceremonies at an all-staff affair on Monday, May 28.

Purple Heart Queen Contest

LATEST RETURNS

Lt. H. E. Arbogast NNC	47
Roberta Silvester	38
Doris Ott	37
Ida May Schneider	20
Lt. (jg) Lois Simons	17
Ann Silva	15
Helen Kuziara	13
Virginia Lee	10
Margaret "Mickey" Finn	8
Helen Erickson Hamilton	5
Alice McEneany	5
Maggie Moore	5
Florence Rush	5
Martha McGee	4
Tex Bennett	3
Jacqueline Kitlen	3
Ens. Evelyn London	2
Ens. H. A. Murray	1

Red Cross Provides Phone Calls for Vets

Red Cross is happy to announce that any man just returned from overseas may now make, upon request, one three-minute long-distance call at Red Cross expense.

Ambulatory patients are asked to make application in person at the Information Desk of the Red Cross office on the second deck, Ship's Service Building. The completed application form may then

be presented to the operator at the Telephone Center on the first deck, same building.

Bed patients may make application through any Red Cross worker who visits the ward or send word to the main Red Cross office that they wish a Red Cross worker to visit and take their requests. Plug-in telephone equipment is available

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• The San Francisco Conference

Joan is an unassuming, hard working nurse. Day after day her routine of bed checking, bandaging, and reporting on the progress of her patients makes the war more and more an everyday affair.

Barry is different. He lies in his sack dreaming of home. To get back to Mom's cooking . . . to be with Louise. . . . What a day that will be! The war, to Barry, is simply something that has to run down.

But while Joan works and Barry dreams, there is a meeting not many miles away that both should know about. It is a gathering of people who are concerned that Joans and Barrys around the world will no longer experience the tragic suffering and the separation from home that accompany war.

Not overly optimistic, the conferees who pool their views in the San Francisco meeting of the nations hope that theirs might be one step in the direction of world government. National interests must yield to the needs of the whole. Justice and mercy must overcome cynicism. War between nations must come to an end by reliance on something greater than mechanical force.

Joan reads the papers. Barry hears the newscasts. But do they know that the conference making this news is their concern? Are Joan and Barry broadening their friendships on the compound to include those of other races and other nationalities? Are they prepared to give up the luxuries which they have taken for granted in order that America might be a sincere, good neighbor? Are they equipped in knowledge and integrity to assume more responsibility for world affairs than did their parents and their grandparents?

History will record the progress or the failure of the diplomats who have gathered in the War Memorial Auditorium to prepare for peace. But Joan and Barry—and the rest of us—will really determine that progress.

Officers' Wives Sponsor Luncheon

The Naval Officers' Wives' Club of the East Bay area will hold its monthly luncheon on Wednesday, May 2, at 12:00 noon, in the Bamboo Room at the Claremont Hotel, Berkeley.

All wives of officers of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, both regular and reserve, are cordially invited to attend these affairs.

Ruth Breuer, president of the University Music Club, which entertains regularly at service camps and hospitals, will present her talented group in a varied program following the luncheon. Hostesses for the day will be Mrs. Frank Maxwell Smith and Mrs. Franklin Pettit, Jr.

Reservations for the luncheon should be made with Mrs. George

Navy Grows Vegetables On Captured Islands

The Navy has begun reaping a valuable harvest from the captured Pacific islands.

Primarily, the harvest has been food—\$200,000 worth of vegetables a month that are being turned over to the armed forces—but nickel, chrome and copra in "substantial" volume have been coming in for American war industries.

The Foreign Economic Administration, under Leo T. Crowley, and the Naval Military Government, under Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, U.S.N., Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean areas, are mainly responsible for the harvest.

H. Hargreaves at Ashberry 5192 or at the Officers' Center, Twin-oaks 0154, and must be made by Tuesday, May 1.

New Women's USO Opened in S. F.

A USO Service Women's Dormitory and Lounge has been opened recently at 50 Oak Street (near intersection of Market and Van Ness) in San Francisco. Dormitory facilities include good, comfortable beds, powder room, showers, washing, ironing, shampooing, checking, and wrapping and mailing facilities.

A lounge is available for use by service women whether or not they are staying in the dormitory. This lounge serves as an ideal meeting place for service women and their guests and is equipped with piano, radio-phonograph, classical and popular records, books, magazines, and writing materials.

The dormitory is open 24 hours daily.

Hobbies

*He is miserable and wretched
And ignorant, too,
Who has nothing to do
When he has nothing to do.*

*He is rich and happy
And fortunate, too,
Who has plenty to do
When he has nothing to do.*

O. O. ARNOLD.

Orchestra Praised By Capt. Dearing

The Commanding Officer takes pleasure in quoting the following paragraphs from a letter received from the chairman of the Entertainment Committee of the Stage Door Canteen of San Francisco:

"The service men at the Stage Door Canteen have said so many fine things about the Oak Knoll Hospital orchestra that we want you to know about it. In fact, their music has become one of the drawing cards at the Canteen. Mr. Harrington (the leader of the band) is to be complimented, and we would appreciate it if the members of the band could be told how enthusiastically they are received."

"In addition to the applause of the boys, we also express the heartfelt appreciation of the Entertainment Committee. It is a pleasure working with these lads, Captain Dearing, not only because of their professional efficiency, but because they are consistently loyal about bookings."

The excellent work of this organization has brought the hospital to the very favorable attention of the people of San Francisco. To the members of this organization, the Commanding Officer says, "Well done!"

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"Choose Ye This Day—"

Like King Midas, we can love money and it will become our master. We can overestimate the importance of popularity and public pressure will control our actions. We can seek physical pleasures and become slaves to our passions. Or, we can devote our lives to loving Christ and be possessed by His spirit of humble and forgiving love.

The central lesson of life is that we must choose, for in choice is all growth of character. "Where your treasure is, there is your heart also." "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Jesus felt that the deceitfulness of riches was the greatest barrier in persuading men to make character the most valuable thing in life. Whether we live creatively or destructively, realistically or superficially, Godly or devilishly, is determined by our love for God or for mammon.

Our sensibilities are dwarfed and our hearts are hardened when we are more interested in making a living than we are in making a life. Christ's church becomes an afterthought and we become the irresponsible "flies on the flywheel" when we try to ignore the Lord of Life. He alone can keep us from falling to the level of the beast. Personal dealings between peoples require faith in the infinite worth of each personality, the sacredness of our bodies as temples of God.

Our choice is eternal spiritual life, or temporal worldly death. "Choose ye this day whom ye shall serve."

CHAPLAIN HOWARD PITTS.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.
Sunday: Morning Worship—0930.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Vespers—1800.
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.
Discussion Group (alternating Mondays and Tuesdays in Chapel)—1730.
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplains—R. V. Cronin, J. P. Corley.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830 and 1100.
Weekday Mass—0650 and 1640.
Confessions—Daily, before Mass; Saturdays at 1900; on the Thursday before each first Friday at 1900.
Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.

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Citations Ceremony Honors Servicemen With Decorations for Valient Conduct

In a colorful Citations Ceremony held on the afternoon of April 21, 26 men were honored. A sunny afternoon, fine marching, and a crack band, made the Citations an impressive and stirring ceremony. Captain Dearing made the presentations, with Captain Carroll reading the citations.

Janic, Watts Honored

Receiving the Navy's highest honor, the Navy Cross, were Cpl. Michael M. Janic and Pvt. Dale E. Watts. These men had displayed extraordinary heroism in combat against the Japanese.

The Air Medal was awarded to Lt. (jg) John Robert Gore, USNR, 1 Silver Stars to Cpl. Clarence Weatherford and Pl. Sgt. Albert J. Blaisdell.

Receiving the Bronze Star were the following: Pfc. Edward William Gunderson, Lt. (jg) H. P. Hoose, Pvt. Frank Miller, Cpl. Carl T. Owens, Staff Sgt. Harvey C. Simpson, Cpl. Charles W. Stokely, and PhM2c Joseph Calvin Wallace.

Lt. (jg) Hawke Cited

Lt. (jg) Walter C. Hawke (HC), USNR, Civil Readjustment Officer at Oak Knoll, was the recipient of a Presidential Citation, which also went to SC1c William Robert Davis and S1c Archie Wallace Killough.

A Commendation and Ribbon from Admiral Nimitz were awarded to Commander Oscar Hugh Fulcher (MC), USNR, and Gunner Sgt. Ralph W. Paulk.

Purple Hearts were won by the following men: Pvt. Paul Eugene Arnold, SSMB 3c William Ephraim Austgen, MoMM2c James Robert Fowler, Lt. (jg) John R. Gore, FC2c Robert K. Horton, 2nd Lt. Stanley G. Ledin, Pfc. Norman Henry Meyers, Pfc. Thomas Robert Sheble, and SC2c William Horace Thompson.

Litter-Halters Devised By Hospital Corpsman

Henry R. Hayfer, PhM2c, serving with the Marines, has devised a set of litter-halters, by which a stretcher may be carried without the use of the hands or arms. The harness allows litter bearers to crawl over the terrain on hands and knees, providing less of a target. The halter was the subject of an article in the April issue of the Marine Corps Headquarters Bulletin.

NOTICE

Any Marines at Oak Knoll who knew Corp. Kenneth G. Walker FM overseas are requested to contact Mrs. Dorothy Wayne at the Navy Mothers' Office on the top deck of the Post Office Building. Corp. Walker was in the 4th Marines, 25th Regiment, 2nd Battalion, Co. F.



Above is shown a view of the Citations Ceremony held in front of the Administration Building.



Left to right: Captain A. H. Dearing (MC), USN, Medical Officer in Command, and the two Navy Cross winners, Cpl. Michael M. Janic and Pvt. Dale E. Watts.

Eight Weeks Converts Ship for Hospital Use

The medical department's newest hospital ship, the 6,500-ton USS Rescue, was completely converted from an auxiliary vessel in a period of eight weeks from the time it reached the Navy yard.

The ship, with a bed capacity of 792, was completed on 28 February. It reached the yard on 28 December, 1944. Formerly the SS St. John, a coastwise passenger ship, the USS Rescue will carry a complement of 17 medical officers, 156 hospital corpsmen, including eight chief pharmacist's mates, and 25 nurses.

Japs Emulate U. S. Navy; Use Women as Nurses

Lt. Comdr. Laura M. Cobb (NC), USN, recently released from 37 months of imprisonment in the Philippines, revealed that the Japanese began to employ women as nurses after seeing the 11 Navy nurses at Los Banos continue their duties in prison.

"The skill and courage of American nurses, although in Japanese captivity," Lt. Commander Cobb said, "apparently proved an inspiration to the Japanese, who began employing women as nurses soon after seeing the captured U. S. nurses in action."

Educational Services

Did You Leave School to Join the Service?

If so, how many of you feel that what you have learned in the Navy or Marine Corps would qualify you to be placed at a higher level if you decided to return to school after the war?

The American Council on Education has considered this very likely possibility and has accordingly designed two sets of educational development

tests, one at high school level and one at college level. You may take whichever one you feel up to.

These tests are designed to measure the extent to which all of the past educational experiences of the individual tested—including the experiences gained in military service—have contributed to his general educational development, or to his ability to carry on successfully in a program of general education of the type which the academic high school and the first two years of the liberal arts college aim to provide.

Call Ext. 164 or come to the Educational Services Offices, top deck Marine Detachment, and make an appointment for either set of tests if you would like to know just "where you stand." The results will be certified to your high school or college if you wish.

Special Interest Programs:

The following events have been scheduled for 30 April-4 May, in classroom A, building 133, from 0900-1100:

30 April—"Real Estate—How to Buy a Home." Lecture and discussion. H. A. Daum, Ch Sp (A). (Convalescent training.)

1 May—"Our Chinese Ally." Round table discussion. Lt. J. C. Payne. (Educational services.) Movie: "China, Mysterious and Beautiful."

2 May—"Selling and Advertising." Lecture and discussion. J. A. Grigsby. (Standard Oil Co.)

3 May—"Photographic Arts." Illustrated lecture and discussion. Lt. R. E. Duncan. (Graphic Arts Dept.)

4 May—Current events (news developments). Movie: "Yucatan." Lt. J. C. Payne. (Educational Services.)

Agriculture Programs:

A Shultis, from the Extension Service, College of Agriculture, University of California, visited USNH, Oakland, 24 and 26 April, to deliver lectures and hold discussion groups on farm management and post-war opportunities in agriculture.



Off the Bookshelf

We are glad to report that the Library now has six more copies of *Forever Amber*, for which we have been waiting three months. The supply is still considerably less than the demand, we are sorry to say.

If you saw the picture, you may enjoy reading the book. The following moving pictures, either in production or recently released, are based on books which you may borrow from the Hospital Library: *Adam Had Four Sons*. Novel, *Legacy*, by Bonner.

Along Came Jones. Western, *Useless Cowboy*, by LeMay.

And Now Tomorrow. Novel, by Field.

Bon Voyage. Based on *Tower of Steel*, by Lawrence.

Brewster's Millions. Novel, by McCutcheon.

China Sky. Novel, by Buck.

Christmas Holiday. Novel by Maugham.

Colonel Effingham's Raid. Novel, by Fleming.

Danger Signal. Novel, by Bottome.

Dangerous Partners. Novel, by Bayer, *Paper Chase*.

Dragon Seed. Novel, by Buck.

Dragonwyck. Novel, by Seton.

Duel in the Sun. Novel, by Busch.

Experiment Perilous. Novel, by Carpenter.

Fear. Based on *Her Heart in Her Throat*, by White.

God Is My Co-Pilot. Based on war book, by Scott.

Hangover Square. Mystery, by Hamilton.

Having Wonderful Crime. Mystery, by Rice.

He Fell Down Dead. Mystery, by Perdue.

Here Is Your War. War book, by Pyle.

Hotel Berlin '43. Novel, by Baum.

Johnny Angel. Mystery, by Booth, *Mr. Angel Comes Aboard*.

Junior Miss. Play, by Chodorov.

Keys of the Kingdom. Novel, by Cronin.

Laura. Mystery, by Caspary.

Marriage Is a Private Affair. Novel, by English.

Mask of Dimitrios. Mystery, by Ambler, *A Coffin for Dimitrios*.

Meet Me in St. Louis. Novel, by Benson.

Mildred Pierce. Novel, by Cain.

Miss Susie Slagle's. Novel, by Tucker.

Mr. Skeffington. Novel, by Elizabeth.

Mr. Winkle Goes to War. Novel, by Pratt.

Mrs. Parkington. Novel, by Bromfield.

Murder, My Sweet. Mystery, by Chandler, *Farewell, My Lovely*.

My Friend Flicka. Novel, by O'Hara.

National Velvet. Novel, by Bag-nold.

Nevada. Western, by Grey.

Nobody Lives Forever. Novel, by Burnett.

None But the Lonely Heart. Novel, by Llewellyn.

These Men Doctor Hospital's Sick Radios



Above is shown a busy scene in the Radio Repair Shop on the top deck of the Community Service Building where more than six hundred radios have been repaired.

"Music hath charms to soothe the savage beast." Without reflecting upon the sterling character of the patient body, we would point out that the importance of bedside radio in convalescence cannot be overemphasized.

Time was when our hospital radios were repaired ashore. Because of the critical nature of the materials and the shortage of labor, many of our radios were out of use for long periods of time. Many bed patients had to do without.

Lt. Carey DV(S), USNR, wondered (with the skipper's approval) why we couldn't set up our own repair shop. Three minutes

later, with the aid of a borrowed screwdriver and a rusty hairpin, it was done. On November 29, 1944, operations were commenced in the former storeroom for records and musical instruments: Room 209 Community Service Building.

Since that date 600 radios have been repaired here, and 40 radio-men patients have been activated through the expanding convalescent training program. Overnight service has been provided for the 311 hospital radios thus far stencilled and placed on record. Public address and other electronic equipment on the compound have been serviced here.

Most of the test equipment used was manufactured right here in the Radio Shop: Signal Generator, Volt-Ohm Meters, Electronic Volt Meter, Signal Tracing Amplifier, and Voltage Step-up Transformer. Two Amplifiers were made here, one inter-com system, and a portable record cutter, playback, and public address combination.

Navy radio men here occupied keep their skill razor sharp and return to duty as men returning from a refresher course.

The success of this program has been due to Captain Dearing's approval, Lt. Carey's pointed suggestions, and the cheerful spirit of interdepartmental cooperation between Welfare and Recreation, Convalescent Training, and the American Red Cross. We owe thanks, too, to a civilian organization which has been of great moral and material assistance in getting us started: Radio Services Hospital Inc., piloted by Oakland's genial Tom Russell.

Nurses: if you have a bed patient who needs a radio, send someone to the shop with a note including the ward number, the patient's name and your signature.

Of Human Bondage. Novel, by Maugham.

Paris-Underground. Book, by Shiber.

Picture of Dorian Gray. Novel, by Wilde.

Roughly Speaking. Autobiography, by Pierson.

State Fair. Novel, by Stong.

Tall in the Saddle. Western, by Young.

Ten Little Indians. Mystery, by Christie, *And Then There Were None*.

They Were Expendable. War book, by White.

Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo. War book, by Lawson.

This Love of Ours. War book, by Butterfield, *Al Schmid*, *Marine*.

Thunderhead. Novel, by O'Hara.

Tree Grows in Brooklyn. Novel, by Smith.

Two Years Before the Mast. Book, by Dana.

Valley of Decision. Novel, by Dav-enport.

The Virginian. Western, by Wister.

A Walk in the Sun. War novel, by Brown.

West of the Pecos. Western, by Grey.

More Facts About G.I. Vet-Loans

An application made by a veteran under this law for the guaranty of a loan to be used in purchasing residential property or in constructing a dwelling on unimproved property owned by him, to be occupied as his home, may be approved by the U. S. Veterans Administration if they find:

(1) that the proceeds of such loans will be used for payment for such property to be purchased or constructed by the veteran;

(2) that the contemplated terms of payment required in any mortgage, to be given in part payment of the purchase price or the construction cost, bear a proper relation to the veteran's present and anticipated income and expenses, and that the nature and condition of the property is such as to be suitable for dwelling purposes; and

(3) that the purchase price paid or to be paid by the veteran for such property or the construction cost, including the value of the unimproved lot, does not exceed the reasonable normal value thereof as determined by proper appraisal.

Any application for the guaranty of a loan under this section for the purpose of making repairs, alterations, or improvements in, or paying delinquent indebtedness, taxes, or special assessments on residential property owned by the veteran and used by him as his home, may be approved by the Administration if they find that the proceeds of such loan will be used for such purpose or purposes.

No first mortgage is ineligible for insurance under the National Housing Act, as amended, by reason of any loan guaranteed under this provision of the Service Men's Readjustment Act, or by reason of any secondary lien upon the property involved securing such loan.

CLARENCE E. WILLARD,
Contact Representative.



"No doubt you're a first class bond-buyer, Nelson but has BUPERS authorized that rating badge?"

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Patients Tell of Tense Moments in Pacific Fighting

G. P. PAPPAS, Sgt. USMC, Houston, Tex., has seen action in the hottest battles around Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian and elsewhere in "Sopac." Asked what his biggest moment in combat was, Pappas said:

"Well . . . it was when a Jap slid into my foxhole in the dead of night on Saipan. Neither of us knew for nearly two hours the kind of uniform the other was wearing. In a spot like that you do not speak—just keep silent and wait for the other guy to pop off. The Nip finally touched my shoulder and garbled in broken English. I knew he was the enemy then. So I grabbed his throat and twisted until he had choked to death. Brother, I was scared."

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JOHN VAN BUREN, S1c Coxswain, USNR, of Syracuse, N. Y., said: "My roughest moment was when we were off Dutch Harbor and spotted some Jap submarines. I was in the crow's nest of the subchaser "Hell's Harvester." Suddenly I saw a Jap fish heading directly for my ship. I gave the alarm down to the captain below. But it was too late, and even I knew that. I just watched the fish get nearer and nearer to us. I wondered if I would be killed instantly or blown from high atop the crow's nest into the sea.

"Then the torpedo hit the fantail. But it failed to explode. However, it was coming so fast that it left a dent in the ship seven feet wide. Whew . . . but I don't want another 30 seconds like that again."

Red Cross—

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for bed patients in the following wards only: 40-A & B, 41-A & B, 42-A & B, 63-A, 70-A and 74-B.

As you may already know, any man returned from overseas whose immediate family or fiancée lives in the state of Washington may make one three-minute call through the courtesy of the Seattle Post Intelligencer.

Jan Savitt Brings Band to Amphitheatre



An elegant swing session was had by all when Jan Savitt and his band played at the amphitheatre on April 17. An array of hit tunes plus the warbling of Helen Warren, red-headed and beautiful, made the afternoon a memorable occasion.

Conference—

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do little more than solemnize the acceptance of agreements worked out in advance.

(2) The basic difference of viewpoint is probably the relative amount of power which the large nations shall have in determining cases of aggression and in ordering action by the member states to curb this aggression. Shall we permit these decisions to be made by simple majorities, or shall we insist that the powerful nations be unanimous in their support of any action that is recommended. In the former case, will we risk ineffective action (too little support), and in the latter will we risk virtual paralysis of action?

6. What will be the basis of the discussions at the Conference? Preliminary conversations on the subject were held at an international Conference in Washington late last summer. The results of these conversations are known as

the Dumbarton Oaks proposals. These proposals accepted the old League in many particulars, differing chiefly in the matter of proposing that decisions to act in curbing aggressors be a function of a small group of nations—the members of the Council—rather than the decision of the Assembly, which represents all independent, sovereign, peace-loving nations. This was believed to be a more realistic approach, and therefore justified, even if it were a less democratic approach. These Dumbarton Oaks proposals will be the point of departure in the San Francisco Conference.

Bumed Plans Production Of Air Evacuation Film

A training film depicting all phases of air evacuation of casualties has been projected by the Audio-Visual Branch, Bumed. Its production in the field will be supervised by Lt. (jg) Anne Bruchal (NC), USN.

Scuttlebutt

Have you heard of the "Beer Bottle Polka," by Carpenter? . . . It made quite a hit (and quite a splash, too) with the O.O.D. and sundry celebrated personages. . . .

The various feminine admirers of "Pin-Up" Craven's haircut will be glad to learn that his shorn locks are available at two bits a lock. . . .

Moise, himself a Texan, is particularly happy when the eyes of Tex are upon him. . . . Be careful, son. . . . Can't you see that Reserved Sign? . . .

Mengali admits to the boys in X-ray that a certain Marine has the situation well in hand, but she won't tell who he is. . . .

And speaking of hands, when Knudson's little irate Irish girl friend said she had something for him, he innocently asked what it was. . . . Wow! . . . That's what comes of turning the other cheek, chum. . . .

Chieffy Entin is the idol of the Bobby Sox set in Physio. . . . At least, that's what two good-looking girls told us. . . .

Surgery 1 wishes to inform the corpsmen of Surgery 2 that it isn't going to do them any good to come snooping around, and they definitely aren't welcome. . . . Now that they've got a pat hand (Queen High), they're quite satisfied. . . .

Dunn is a big-hearted boy. . . . It wasn't enough that he gave Phyllis Glenn his blood. . . . Now he's giving her a lot of attention, too. . . .

James Mel, Don Juan Jr. of Surgery 1, indignantly denies that he plays second fiddle. . . . But according to the other boys, Eli fiddles while he yearns. . . .

Faselino, tech-nically speaking, isn't doing so hot in Dental Clinic, according to the latest rumors. . . .

Latest victim of the I. D. Card Blues is Dental Technician Razell. . . . Scene of the catastrophe: College Club. . . .

Kephardt can hold his liquor all right, but Ferris has to drink it for him. . . .

Laboratory proudly reports that for the third time Don Ehlman is trying to grow a mustache. . . . They're all hoping it takes this time. . . .



HUMOR

Income taxes could be a lot worse. Suppose we had to pay on what we think we're worth.

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"Tommy, why are you scratching yourself?"

"No one else knows where I itch."

* * *

Mother: Do you think our daughter has a one-track mind?

Father: Yes, and I think there's a troop train running on it.

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A woman is as young as she looks and a man is young as long as he looks.

* * *

A lad from Brooklyn turned up one night at a Texas training base holding the rattlers from a rattlesnake.

"Where'd ya get them?" asked the MAA.

"Off a big woim," was the reply.

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A Texas sailor stood fascinated before a barber shop where a civilian was receiving a singe.

"Gee, he's lookin' for them with a light," he exclaimed.

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Golf is a game where a ball one and one-half inches in diameter is placed on a ball 8,000 miles in diameter. The object of the game is to hit the small one without hitting the large one.

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Chief: Which would you rather give up—wine or women?

HA2c: Depends on the vintage.

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Sailor: What's the difference between the blue plate special and the white plate special?

Waitress: White plate is 5 cents extra.

Sailor: Why?

Waitress: We have to wash the white plates.

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Old Salt: In some parts of Africa you can get a wife for 50 cents.

Slc: Well, a good wife is worth it.

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Mary: Mother, do fairy stories always begin with "Once upon a time?"

Mother: No, Mary. They sometimes begin with, "Honey, there's a draft coming in tonight, and I won't be able to get home."

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A despondent officer left headquarters, and climbed into a jeep. "Where to, sir?" asked the driver.

"Drive off the cliff, seaman," he replied. "I'm committing suicide."

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Chief: "There are fifty bars in this town and I've never been in one of them."

HA2c: "And which one is that?"

Softballers Add To Win Streak; Beat T. I., Dairy

The Softball Team was well launched on its victorious season last week, achieving its third and fourth wins by overwhelming scores. After scuttling Kaljan Dairy 12-2 on Tuesday, April 17, they went on to trounce the T. I. Dispensary team 17-2 on Friday, April 20.

Parkinson was the twirler against the Dairy team and pitched a brilliant game. He shows promise of becoming an outstanding pitcher in hospital league play this summer.

Parkinson also pitched against the Dispensary boys from T. I. and allowed only three scattered blows. The lusty swatting which produced 17 runs was well divided among the members of the squad.

Oak Knoll's starting lineup in the games played so far this season has been: Gammill, lf; Welch, cf; Kieswater, c; J. Ferguson, rss; Concannon, 3b; W. Ferguson, lb; O'Brien, ss; Elliott, 2b; Jones, rf; Parkinson, p.

Benkovich Returns For Bowling Show

Popular Frank Benkovich, national bowling figure and holder of many alley records, made a return appearance at Oak Knoll on Tuesday, April 17. Sponsored by Brunswick, he gave instruction to eager neophytes in the afternoon and played matches in the evening.

Finding our refinished lanes more conducive to the accuracy of his hook, Mr. Benkovich soundly trounced Peklewski, 202-182, McLaughlin, 205-171, and Petty, 186-167. Reakes won his match, 180 to 171.

In his concluding match against Miss Thompson, Benkovich lost, 161 to 149, but demonstrated some of the finer points in picking up apparently hopeless splits. After the matches, he entranced the bowling enthusiasts with a display of his amazing trick shots.

Bowling Team Beats Naval Supply Depot

Oak Knoll's crack Station Bowling Team, consistent winners all season, really poured it on in demolishing the Naval Supply Depot squad, 2860 to 2626, on Thursday, April 19. The match was held on the hospital's refinished lanes and the 2860 the local boys hung up is a new team record for the alleys.

In addition, the Oak Knollers toppled 1022 pins in the second game, which is an average of better than 200 a man. Reakes was high for the winners with a 243 single game, while Felix made high triple with 632. Nappy was high man for the vanquished Depot team with a single 213 and a triple 602.

Corpsman Places in College Track Meet

John Hardgrave, HA1c, a lanky corpsman working in Oak Knoll's Laboratory, took time off from his test tubes to take second place in the high jump at the University of California Invitational Track Meet. Hardgrave's 6' 2" jump was especially outstanding in view of the fact that he has had no practice in over a year.

As a freshman at the University of California, Hardgrave jumped 6 ft. 2 ins. and as a sophomore he took second in the Texas relays with 6 ft. 4½ ins. High hurdles was another specialty with him in college.

At present laboring in Serolgy, on his way to becoming a Laboratory Technician, Hardgrave expects to complete his college work after the war.

All those interested in joining a Track Team, which is to be sponsored by Welfare and Recreation, should see Hardgrave at the Laboratory.

High Bowlers of the Week

Men	
Single—Reakes	243
Double—Felix	431
Triple—Felix	632

Women	
Single—Lt. (jg) I. Thompson	193
Double—Lt. (jg) I. Thompson	383

Lost and Found

FOUND—In Commissary 1, colored glasses in black case, marked Dr. Charles Kauderer, Philadelphia, Pa.

Marines Defeat Oak Knoll Nine By 13-6 Score

Oak Knoll's first organized baseball team, playing its initial game, lost to the Marine Disciplinary Barracks at Shoemaker last week by a score of 13-6. Lack of practice hurt the chances of the hospital team, while the Marines had been in harness for six weeks.

Meredith, Williams and Farison worked on the mound for Oak Knoll and gave a fair account of themselves, even though they were not in shape. Offensively, Hale lashed out a long triple, which was the best local effort of the day. Oak Knollers garnered seven safeties off the pitching of the Marine hurlers.

League games will be played on Wednesdays throughout the summer and other games will no doubt be scheduled later in the season. With a little more practice it is believed that the hard ball team will be a title contender in league play.

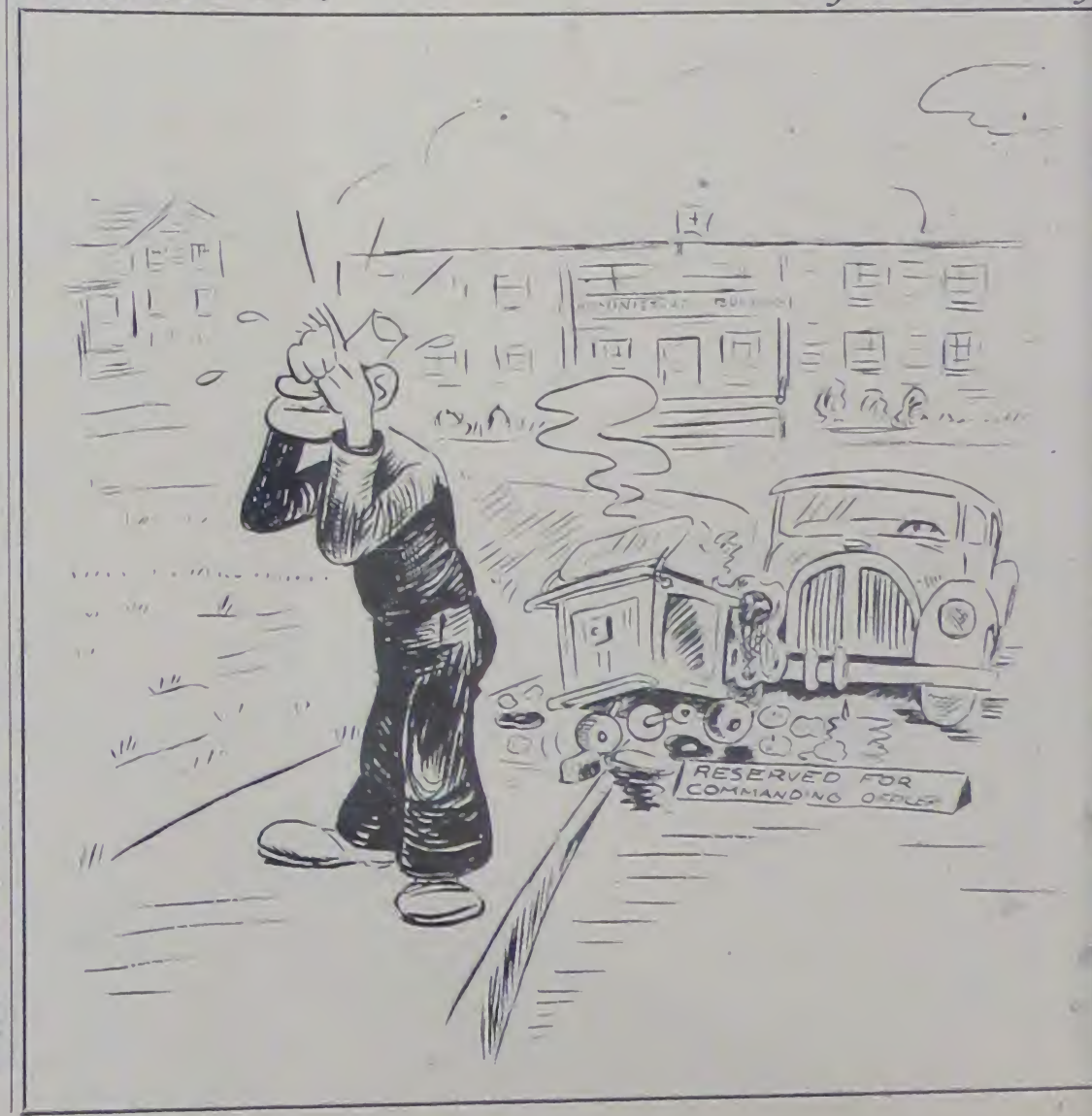
Oak Knoll Wins in League Opener

The hospital's entrant in the Twelfth Naval District Eastern Bowling League got off to a good start in league play on Friday, April 13, when they won three games from the Oakland Medical Supply Depot. The league is organized on a handicap basis.

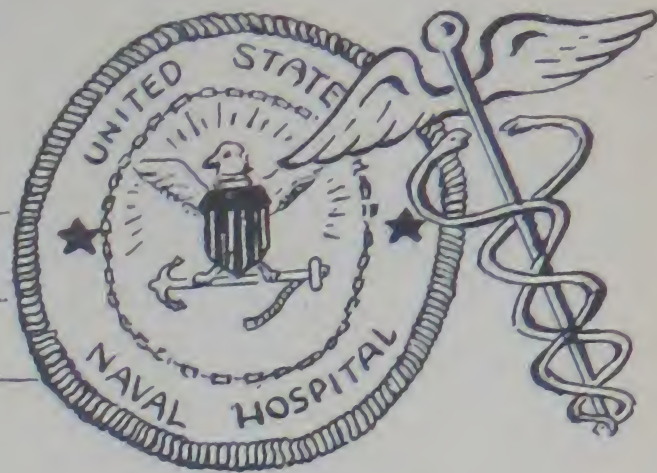
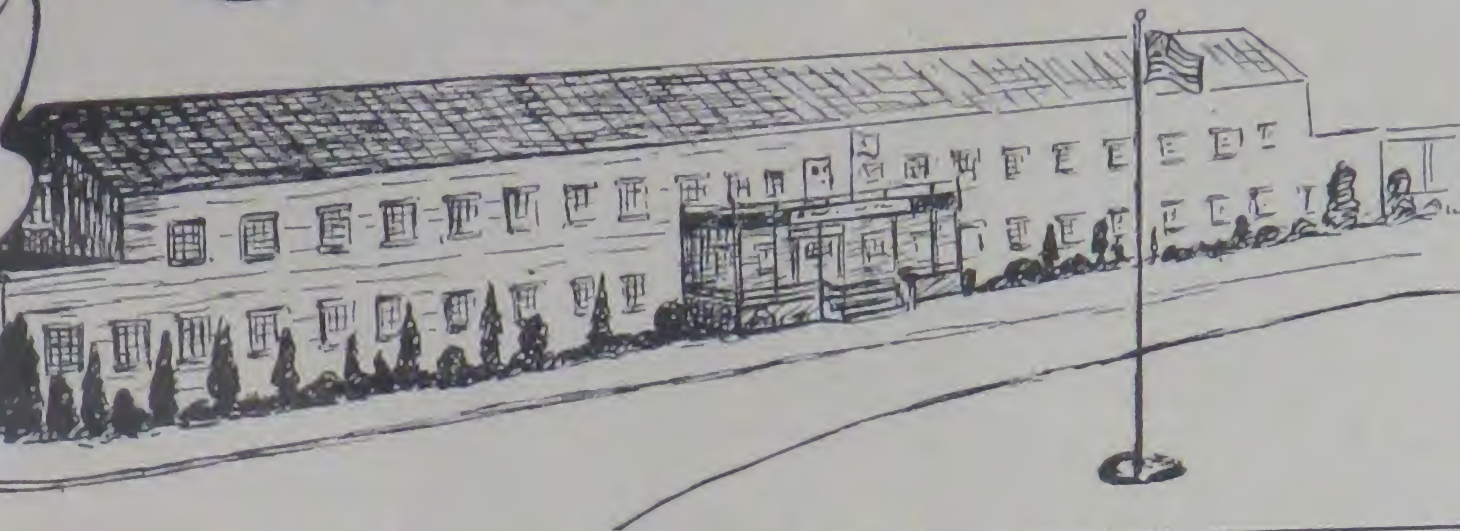
In taking all three games, Oak Knoll scored a respectable 2771 to their opponent's 2118. Winters was high man for the hospital with a single 223 and a triple 604.

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Oak Knoll Talent To Star in New Musical Comedy

"Oak Knollzapoppin," a musical comedy organized and sponsored by Welfare and Recreation, will be presented Tuesday, May 8, in the Auditorium. Like its smash-hit predecessor, "Surveys of 1945," the talent is exclusively local and the action centers around a typical hospital ward.

New Performers Added

Such veteran stars of the Surveys show as Marjorie Josephson, Martha Emerick, Lillyan Reba, Barbara Pennington and Evelyn Hansen will be seen in new roles in the revue. A new discovery, Otto Maag, portrays a benign and insistent MAA and Roberta Silvester acts a very sweet and attractive ward nurse. In the role of patients are Mel Neilson, I. Huebschman and Ronald Johnson.

Mr. Willard Featured

Clarence Willard of the Veterans' Administration Office will demonstrate some of the sensational tricks that brought him fame as a magician with P. T. Barnum, Herrmann the Great and Bob Ripley's Show at the Treasure Island Exposition. One of his feats consists of stretching his normal 5 ft. 10 in. stature to an astounding 6 ft. 4 in., a growth of six inches.

Music Is Original

Parody and comedy will be featured in a number of original musical numbers arranged by Les Huntington, who formerly played with Mitchell Ayres. The top-flight and ever popular "Rhythm Doctors," under the direction of Herb Harrington, will be very much in evidence throughout the festivities.

Writer and director of the revue is Francis Montalbano, of "Leave Em in Stitches" fame. Mr. Montalbano has had an extensive and varied background in the theater and was assisted in the preparation of this show by Foster Yerrington, Mel Neilson and Bob Murray.

Lt. Arbogast Lengthens Lead Over Waves As Purple Heart Contest Nears Climax

New Bldg. Adds To Ed. Services

The Educational Services Department now has rooms in Building 102, the new Occupational Therapy Building, as follows:

No.	Room Designation
101	Woodwork Shop.
104	Typing Room.
202	Code Room.
207	Mechanical Drawing.
209	Blueprint Room.
210	Electric Laboratory.
211	Electric and Radio Gear Locker.
212	Radio Laboratory.

All of the equipment ordered for these rooms has not yet arrived. However, code classes (beginners or practice for advanced), drawing and cartooning, elementary electric repair, elementary radio repair and ship and aircraft recognition have been scheduled. With these improved facilities more names may be added for the typing classes and blueprint reading, in addition to the above.

Call Ext. 164 or visit Educational Services, top deck, Marine Detachment Building.

U.S.S. Tranquillity Is Commissioned

Commissioning of the first of the new class of six hospital ships was scheduled for 24 April, with ceremonies aboard the U.S.S. Tranquillity at the Atlantic Basin Iron Works, Brooklyn.

The 15,000-ton, completely air-conditioned hospital ship, is of entirely new design, with a bed capacity of 800 patients and facilities for caring for 1,000 patients, if necessary.

Senior medical officer aboard the U.S.S. Tranquillity is Capt. Bartholomew W. Hogan (MC), USN, and the skipper is Capt. Merritt D. Mullen, USNR. Other ships of the same class to be commissioned soon are the U.S.S. Haven, Benevolence, Repose, Consolation and Sanctuary.

Band Has Openings For New Members

The Hospital's Station Band has openings for new members and patients and staff alike are invited to participate. Practice is held 1430-1530 every day and those interested should see Chief Wortman in the Band Room, Ship's Service Building.

The Wave Drum and Bugle Corps now has fifteen members and nine more are needed. No experience is needed for this activity as the instruments will be provided and taught.

Correction

Oak Knoll's new Banking Facility, located on the first deck of 73B, offers its services not only to military personnel as announced last week but also to civilians as well.

Checking Accounts, Savings Deposits, and Cashing Checks are the services provided by this Bank of America Facility. The hours are 0900 to 1300 Monday through Friday; 0900 to 1100 on Saturday.

Roberta Silvester Trails By 15 Vote Margin

With only three weeks to go in the campaign for a Purple Heart queen, Surgery's Lt. Arbogast lengthened her lead over her two prime contenders, Roberta Silvester and Doris Ott. Registering 13 votes in the past week to Miss Silvester's 7, Miss Arbogast now leads the field by a margin of 15 ballots.

List Leaders Only

However, with the virtual elimination of many candidates with fewer votes and a long list of blood donors yet to be heard from, a last minute shift in the standings is not unlikely. In this issue, only those candidates with ten or more votes are listed.

Contest Ends May 25

The Oak Leaf sponsored Purple Heart Contest, which was initiated to procure more blood for Oak Knoll patients, will terminate with the last ballot cast on Friday, May 25. Already successful in its aim, the contest has aroused a great deal of interest and has insured a big turnout for the all-staff affair on Monday evening, May 28, when the Queen and her four Maids of Honor will be appropriately honored.

Purple Heart Queen Contest

LATEST RETURNS

Lt. H. E. Arbogast NNC	60
Roberta Silvester	45
Doris Ott	38
Ida May Schneider	24
Lt. (jg) Lois Simons	18
Ann Silva	15
Helen "Kelly" Kuziara	13
Margaret "Mickey" Finn	12
Virginia Lee	10

Weekend Attractions

Fri., May 4—1700	Rhythm Rumpus USO Stage Show
Fri., May 4—1815 and 2030	Without Love Spencer Tracy, K. Hepburn
Sat., May 5—1715 and 1930	You Were Never Lovelier Rita Hayworth, Fred Astaire
Sun., May 6—1730 and 1930	The Fighting Lady Narrated by Robert Taylor
Mon., May 7—1730	The Horn Blows at Midnight Jack Benny, Alexis Smith
Mon., May 7—1930	NCCS-USO Variety Show

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• The Spirit of Hatred

Little fanfare accompanied the news that Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini are dead.

But while the leaders are gone, what about the spirit of hatred and vengeance they so forcefully represented? Are these dead, too?

Fascism lives wherever there is race discrimination, class consciousness, and government by a few. Nazism thrives wherever the individual personality is thwarted.

Let us remember this in our attitude toward the conquered peoples of Europe and Japan. They, like ourselves, are creatures of infinite potential worth.

Unless we believe this, we are fighting in vain.

Off the Bookshelf

No, that is not a replica of the Bay bridge which has been started behind the Library. It is an addition to the Library, so that no more pasting, mending, shellacking, and so forth, will be done on the solarium after the workroom is completed in the course of a few weeks. It will be cooler, but the workers will no longer have as good a view of the passing parade. We think with summer coming on, the cool side of the building may be more attractive than the pretty girls.

The Red Cross is supplying flowers for the Library, and also cookies for the Library cookie jar, so that it will be possible to keep alive while reading the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, *Gone With the Wind*, or *Forever Amber*. We do not recommend going without food until your name comes up for the latter, however.

The Library again has copies of Thomason's *And a Few Marines*, and the following new books:

Lanks: *Highway to Alaska*. (A 12,000-mile trip by jeep.)

Popular mechanics: *Concrete Handbook*.

Popular mechanics: *Painting, Furniture Finishing and Repairing*.

Sun Fo: *China Looks Forward*. (The future of China, by the son of Sun Yat-Sen.)

Wolfert: *American Guerrilla in the Philippines*. (May Book-of-the-Month Club selection.)

A wolf is a member of the male species who devotes the best leers of his life to women.

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Many a plea for a leave is sound—just sound.

Lt. General Dobbie To Speak In City

Lt. Gen. Sir William G. S. Dobbie, famed defender of Malta, will speak at the Oakland Auditorium Arena, Sunday afternoon, May 6, at 3:00 p. m. Accompanied by Lady Dobbie, he is making a coast-to-coast tour of principal cities of the United States and Canada under the auspices of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

General Dobbie served in France and Belgium during all of World War I, first as a regimental officer and later on the British general staff under Haig. He gained a permanent place in history—literally stopping a war—when he ordered the British armies to cease fighting November 11, 1918.

Shortly after his retirement in 1939, World War II broke out in Europe. The general immediately offered his services to his country, and was appointed governor and commander-in-chief of Malta, April 1940. In the two years following—until May, 1942—the eyes of the world were focused on this strategic Mediterranean island which became known as the most bombed spot on earth. When his physical condition forced him to retire, General Dobbie and his household had survived about 2,300 bombings. Future historians will recount the heroism of Malta in what were some of the darkest hours of British history.

My lady, be wary of Cupid
And list to the lines of this verse:
To let a fool kiss you is stupid,
To let a kiss fool you is worse.

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Any man can have a wife, but
only an iceman can have his pick.

Servicemen Get All Medical Facilities Aboard American Hospital Ships

The sick and wounded of our armed forces are returning home—coming home in American ships—the finest ships of their kind to be found anywhere in the world.

Many of these ships were famous luxury liners of peacetime which have been converted into floating hospitals in American shipyards. Similar luxury liners which once belonged to Germany and France are now serving as hospital ships. Others were specially built in this country.

The Army Transportation Corps now operates 22 floating hospitals and the Navy has five. More are being built in this country at the rate of two a month. They are built to bring husbands, sons or sweethearts back home in comfort—and in better health than when they first arrived on a floating hospital. They are fine, cheerful ships.

The exterior of a typical hospital ship is painted a glistening white and the hulls and decks are brilliantly illuminated at night.

The Geneva Red Cross is prominently displayed on the sides, on deck and on the stacks, and a five-foot green band runs around the entire hull. There is not a weapon

aboard and hospital ships are given protection by all civilized nations at war.

The doctors and surgeons have an abundant supply of drugs and other items, many of which cannot be found in civilian life. Each ship carries a dental as well as an optical unit.

Patients and the crew reach any of the six decks by means of a smooth-running elevator, and a bedfast patient is easily moved to the sun deck.

For the patients who can enjoy them, there is a recreation room, a library, sun decks and other facilities, including a spotless, attractive dining salon.

By the end of May the Army Transportation Corps expects to have 29 ambulance-type hospital ships in operation, with a total capacity of more than 18,000 sick and wounded.

The result of the operation of the hospital ships now in use has amazed the Medical Corps. Sea air, sun baths, good companionship, rest, good food—plus skilled medical treatment—have worked wonders for their patients.

—The Masthead.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Peace Treaty

Settlements are agreements between two who have been at variance over some grievance. Aggressor nations settle grievances either by subduing other nations or by liquidating them. Shrewd lawyers sometimes counsel "Don't press your claims in court, the opposition will uncover more trouble than your settlement is worth." Small boys wrangle over the ownership of a top, settling by swapping, which involves an apple and a string.

But sometimes neither aggression, shrewdness, nor swapping, can settle things satisfactorily. Then mediation is needed.

The world is a minor family squabble compared to the problem of bringing man and his God together. Once man has declared war on God through sin, there can be:

No liquidation—Hell lasts forever;

No keeping it shrewdly out of count—God knows everything;

No swap to even things up—unless it be that we swap Christ's life for our own.

Christ is just that—our Mediator. St. Paul declares it when he states, "For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, himself man, Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all." Because He is infinite—acceptable to God; because human, able to suffer and merit and pay like men and for men.

Christ's mediation secured by treaty our redemption from sin. When the Father said: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased," he ratified the peace settlement Christ proposed. When baptized, I put my signature to this settlement for life—when I sin, I scratch it off. When truly repentant, I write it in again. The peace of Christ must mean for me not freedom from sorrow and suffering but freedom from sin.

CHAPLAIN R. V. CRONIN.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.
Sunday: Morning Worship—0930.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Vespers—1800.
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.
Discussion Group (alternating Mondays and Tuesdays in Chapel)—1730.
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplains—R. V. Cronin, J. P. Corley.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830 and 1100.
Weekday Mass—0630 and 1640.
Confessions—Daily, before Mass; Saturdays at 1900; on the Thursday before each first Friday at 1900.
Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.

Saturday 5 May, 1945

Oak Knoll's Riding Stables Opened With Picturesque Horse Show



The contestants and their mounts line up for the colorful Grand Entry ceremonies at the beginning of the Show.



A prize-winning jumper takes the hurdle as the judges in the background watch critically.



A cowboy stays his allotted period of time aboard his bucking steed without pulling leather.



A section of the largely GI audience divides its attention between the camera and the proceedings.

Jumpers, Broncs, Cowboys Perform for Packed Crowd

Starring jumpers, hunters, broncs, burros, cowboys and comedians, Oak Knoll's first Horse Show provided a thrill a minute for a packed audience on Sunday, April 22. The show was held at the hospital's stables at 7824 Mountain Blvd., under the auspices of Welfare and Recreation.

After the gala Grand Entry, Lt. Carey introduced the various celebrities, including Captain Carroll, Mr. Beckley, Mr. Rowell, Mrs. Standley of the Leona Stables, Charles Hall, the ring director, and

the judges. H. C. Smith, in charge of the hospital's riding facilities, also received the commendation of Lt. Carey for his work in organizing and running Oak Knoll's own riding stables.

Colors were presented by the Shrine Rangers, and after the national anthem had been played, the show got under way. The first event was an exhibition by "Karah," five-gaited horse owned by Frank Barnum and winner of many honors.

In the Hunters' and Jumpers'

competition, first place was taken by "Cover Girl," owned and ridden by Norma Burton, with a beautiful exhibition of precision and grace. "Irish Lass," owned and ridden by Diane Young, was second. A special Broad Jump exhibition by Charles Hall's "Beechwood" thrilled the crowd, easily clearing about 22 feet.

"Dick," winner of many Stock Horse Shows, was next with an exhibition of his alert talents, ridden by Frank Santos, foreman of the Cutter Laboratory.

The wild and woolly Cowboy Boot and Chaps race was won by Ray Slack, who is a patient working at the stables under the Rehabilitation program. Musical Chairs resulted in a draw between Waves

Martha Emerick and Alice McEneany.

Throughout the show, Homer Holcomb, greatest of all rodeo clowns, was in evidence with his comedy and burro stooge. Also between the other events, Wimpy Elzig did some bronc riding and Don Santos did some swift calf roping.

The last events of an exciting afternoon were a Novelty race, won by Ray Slack, and a Potato race between the Commandos and the Rangers, which ended in a draw.

Special thanks go to Oak Knoll's civilian superintendent, Charles Heineman, who acted as arena announcer, and to Kent Robinson, who did sterling work in renovating the stables for this show.

Educational Services

Education On Your Own

Probably the most satisfying and practical type of study in a hospital is that done by correspondence and self-teaching courses. It's up to you. Once you have enrolled in a course you may complete correspondence lessons as rapidly as interest and time permit.



When the end of course test of study lessons have been completed you are eligible for a new course. Enrollment for courses given by the United States Armed Forces Institute

will cost you two dollars. This is the only charge and covers any number of courses you are able to complete. Statements of successful completion will be entered in your official service record.

University extension courses are supplied through the Institute from a number of colleges and universities. The Navy will pay one-half the price up to \$20 for each course in which you enroll.

Or If You Prefer a Classroom

Voluntary group classes may be arranged according to the demand for particular courses. Some of these are held in the hospital, with instruction conducted by qualified volunteers, either patients or ship's company personnel. Among these classes language programs have had enthusiastic reception. The "USAFI" method of language instruction is to teach one to speak by hearing the language. The learning unit is the sentence. Grammar principles may be drawn from the known sentence. At present there are approximately twenty different languages from which to select. Important words, phrases and sentences are heard from a recording. Pupils repeat these words several times immediately afterwards. Within a few hours it is possible to speak and understand the new language sufficiently well to carry on limited, but nevertheless, the most essential conversations you would find necessary upon arrival in a new country. Contact your Educational Services Officer for further information, top deck Marine Detachment.

Special Interest Programs, 27 April to 5 May

The following programs will be presented in Class "A," Educational Services, top deck Marine Detachment Building. 0900-1100:

7 May—"The Science of Credit and Collections." Lecture and slides. Lt. C. Bechtol, USMCR. (Educ. Services.)

Legal Assistance Office Provides Services



Left to right: PhM3c Pete E. Turner, Lt. (jg) George E. Thomas, and HA1c Martha McGee.

To the manifold services offered at Oak Knoll for naval and marine personnel there has recently been added a new one—the Legal Assistance Office. Located on the top deck of the Post Office Building, this office acts as consultant in all problems of a legal nature that confront a service man or his dependents.

Handle Varied Problems

Wills, power of attorney, contracts, affidavits of all kinds, and legal aid in personal injury claims, are some of the types of legal work handled by this department.

Is Overseas Veteran

Recently arrived from 27 months' overseas, and now heading the Legal Assistance Office is Lt. (jg) George E. Thomas. A graduate of Notre Dame University and Notre Dame Law School, Mr. Thomas for 16 months was the CO of a sea rescue ship in the Solomons and New Hebrides.

PhM3c Pete E. Turner, himself a graduate of the Houston Law School and for many years a practicing attorney, assists Mr. Thomas in the legal work of the department. Doing the clerical work is HA1c Martha McGee.

According to Mr. Thomas, in all

8 May—Round Table Discussion. "Will the French Republic Live Again?" Movie, "Outposts of France." (Lt. C. Payne, Educ. Services.)

9 May—"Biology." Miscellaneous film program.

10 May—"Architecture." Illustrated lecture with slides. Fred Langhorst (San Francisco).

11 May—Current Events. Movie, "The Man Who Changed the World." (Lt. C. Payne, Educ. Services.)

cases involving civil action, an attempt is made to settle it out of court, and in many cases this is done. The case is turned over to the Legal Aid Society for further disposition if court action is found necessary.

Before the arrival of Mr. Thomas, the work of this department was under the supervision of Chief Pharmacist Melvin A. Comstock, who heads the Navy's Legal Office at Oak Knoll, which has charge of the administration of all purely naval legal matters.

Lost Packages to Be Given to GIs

Overseas service men will benefit by a new policy regarding distribution of "undeliverable" packages addressed to Navy personnel outside the United States—and this new policy of Navy Mail Service and the Welfare Division, Bureau of Naval Personnel, will spare families of dead or missing service men additional grief when packages are returned to them.

Under the new procedure, packages that are considered undeliverable, due to faulty wrapping and no attached address, packages to missing or deceased personnel which do not bear a return address, and packages marked by sender "abandon if undeliverable" will be distributed to other service men through Navy welfare officers. These welfare officers will keep accurate records of disposition of packages—and senders of "abandon if undeliverable" packages will be notified as to disposition of articles sent.

Medical Photographers Cover Iwo Jima Action

A medical department photographic team commanded by Lt. Frederick J. Faux (MC), USNR, returned to Bumed recently with 11,000 feet of color film taken on Iwo Jima as a medical record of the action. The film will be released for training and other purposes.

Enlisted men with the unit are: John Idt, PhM1c; William J. Collieran, PhM1c; Wilson Y. Stamper, PhM2c, and Sgt. Edwin O. Udey, USMCR.



This window display of O'Connor, Moffatt & Co.'s Department Store in San Francisco shows some of the superb patient handiwork done on Oak Knoll wards under the impetus of the Convalescent Training Program. The popular display, already exhibited by the Shell Oil Company, has been asked for by other firms. As a token of their gratitude, O'Connor, Moffatt & Co. gave to the hospital the splendid display case now being used in the lobby of Ship's Service.

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G. I. Bill Offers Business Help

Any application made under this law for the guaranty of a loan to be used in purchasing any business, land, buildings, supplies, equipment, machinery, or tools, to be used by the applicant in pursuing a gainful occupation (other than farming) may be approved by the Veterans' Administration if they find:

(1) that the proceeds of such loan will be used for payment for real or personal property purchased or to be purchased by the veteran and used by him in the bona fide pursuit of such gainful occupation;

(2) that such property will be useful in and reasonably necessary for the efficient and successful pursuit of such occupation;

(3) that the ability and experience of the veteran, and the conditions under which he proposes to pursue such occupation, are such that there is a reasonable likelihood that he will be successful in the pursuit of such occupation; and

(4) that the purchase price paid or to be paid by the veteran for such property does not exceed the reasonable normal value thereof as determined by proper appraisal.

Other Provisions

The Veterans' Administration is authorized to designate such agency or agencies, if any, as he is best equipped to determine whether the guaranty of loan should be approved under this act. In any case wherein a principal loan, for any of the purposes stated above, is approved by a Federal agency to be made or guaranteed or insured, by it pursuant to applicable law and regulations, and the veteran is in need of a second loan to cover the remainder of the purchase price or cost, or a part thereof, the Administrator, subject otherwise to the provisions of this law, including the limitation of \$2,000 on the total amount which may be guaranteed, may guarantee the full amount of the second loan. However, such second loan may not exceed 20 per centum of the purchase price or cost and the rate of interest thereon may not exceed that on the principal loan by more than 1 per cent. In no event may such

University Teacher Speaks on Agriculture



In addition to practical agricultural experience patients obtain in the Victory Garden and Greenhouse, lectures and discussion groups on farm management and post-war opportunities are conducted. Above: Mr. A. Shultis, from the Extension Service, College of Agriculture, University of California, talks to interested Oak Knoll patients after his lecture. On May 16 and May 23, Dr. Harry Wellman, College of Agriculture, University of California, will visit the hospital to conduct a similar series, top deck dental clinic, 0900-1100.

interest be more than 4 per cent a year. Regulations to be promulgated jointly by the Administrator, and the head of such agency may provide for servicing of both loans by such agency and for refinancing of the principal loan to include any unpaid portion of the secondary loan, with accrued interest, if any, after the curtailment thereon equals twice the amount of the secondary loan.

Any person who is found by the Veterans' Administration to be a veteran eligible for the benefits of this act, and who is found by the Secretary of Agriculture, by reason of his ability and experience, including training as a vocational trainee, to be likely to carry out successfully undertakings required of him under a loan which may be made under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, shall be eligible for the benefits of the latter to the same extent as if he were a farm tenant.

V-12 Term Extended for Pre-Med, Pre-Dental Men

Premedical and predental students in the V-12 program will be required to continue present studies for two terms and one term respectively, beyond their scheduled completion dates of 1 November, 1945, or 1 March, 1946. The extension was made necessary by the fact that virtually no medical or dental schools will convene new classes between 15 October, 1945, and 16 September, 1946.

Surgeon Gen'l, Captain Are Anthology Authors

Publishers E. P. Dutton & Company announced that the forthcoming book, "Doctors at War," will include chapters by Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, surgeon general of the Navy, and Capt. French R. Moore (MC), USN, executive officer at USNH, Seattle.

Navy Bond Drive Starts June 22

The Navy is set for the biggest "extra" cash War bond campaign in its history—the 1945 Independence Day sale—and indications are that when the final total is posted, it will far surpass the previous highwater mark of \$62,568,845 attained during the 1944 Pearl Harbor Day campaign.

The Independence Day campaign will extend from 22 June to 7 July, inclusive, and all Navy cash bond purchases during that interval will swell the grand total for the campaign.

In the Fourth of July campaign held at Oak Knoll last year, the commendable total of \$40,750.00 was invested in the war effort and the future. It is expected that the Hospital will top this mark this year.

Once again, this will be a "double-barreled" campaign, since the Navy sale coincides with the concluding phase of the Treasury's Seventh War Loan, and all Navy purchases will be credited to both the Treasury drive and the Navy campaign.

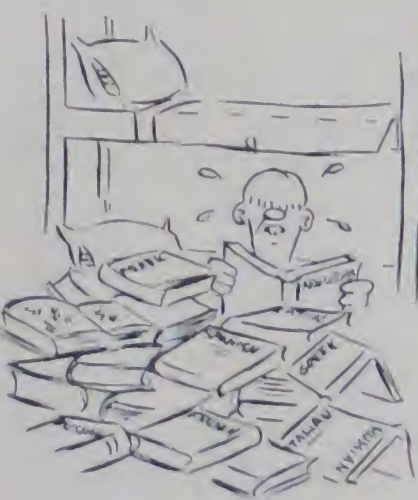
WHICH WOULD YOU BET ON?



NOTICE

Any Marines at Oak Knoll who knew Corp. Kenneth G. Wing FM overseas are requested to contact Mrs. Dorothy Wing at the Navy Mothers' Office on the top deck of the Post Office Building. Corp. Wing was in the 4th Marines, 25th Regiment, 2nd Battalion, Co. F.

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Scuttlebutt

For the information of newcomers in the Patient Personnel Department, since "Frosty" Melamed got his second-class rate you ask the Chief for permission to speak to Seyniak, who may give you permission to address "Admiral" Melamed. . . .

Although in a soggy condition, Chief Worthington's graciousness in bringing a hamburger back to the base for Chief Swarthout was very much appreciated by that gentleman. . . .

PhM3c Norman Lawnick courageously went swimming last weekend, although suffering both from exposure and the jibes of his more timid pals. . . . The "seat" of his trouble was exposure, however. . . .

When Mazon borrows a nickel for a coke, he usually winds up in a telephone booth whispering sweet nothings to his big moment. . . . His friends don't mind the investment, but they do think they deserve a few more of the details concerning the grand passion. . . .

Pretty Sylvia King of Property and Accounting lost half of her basic charms when she broke her foot recently. . . . Now she trips about daintily with a cast and a walker just like a veteran. . . .

The corpsmen in Surgery 2 are very proud and deliriously happy to have the Queen of their hearts return to their midst. . . . But, of course, they knew she wouldn't stay long among the illiterate (and bloodless, apparently) ruffians to be found in Surgery 1. . . .

Since the Polish seat is empty at the S. F. Conference, Surgery 2 has decided to send Sam (you made the pants too long) Gralewski as a delegate. Maybe he can squeeze in a speech about the importance of steel and how they make it in Chicago. . . .

Everybody has been saddened by the ending of a beautiful friendship between Dominelli and his Public Works girl friend. . . . He was such a reformed character, too, and now who knows what will happen? . . .

Horseback Riding Is Available Every Day

Horseback riding is available every day of the week, weather permitting. The fee is 50c an hour and chits and reservations must be purchased in advance at the Bowling Alleys. ID cards must be shown.

Riding for all hands is scheduled for 0930, 1030, 1400 and 1500 each week day and 0930 and 1030 on Saturday. At 1830 on Saturdays a two-hour ride for experienced enlisted staff and staff officers has been organized. On Sundays, staff officers ride at 0930 and 1030 and enlisted staff at 1830.

Softballers Split; Beat QM Team And Lose to 113

Oak Knoll's Softballers split two free-hitting contests in last week's league play, trouncing the Quartermaster's Corps of Oakland 24-6 on Tuesday, April 24, and then losing to Fleet Hospital No. 113 on Friday, 11-5.

In the Quartermaster game, Parkinson and Rosenberger handled the pitching adequately and the two Ferguson boys provided the offensive punch that brought victory. W. R. Ferguson lashed out two home runs and J. Ferguson one.

With Parkinson and Kieswater as the battery, Oak Knoll got off to a four-run lead in the first inning of their game against Fleet Hospital No. 113. However, as their errors piled up, their lead dwindled and they went on to lose the game.

The local diamond will be in condition soon for home games, and all hands are invited to come out and root the team into the district championship. Watch the bulletin boards for announcement of games.

Swimming Pool Now Open For All Hands

The hospital's large and modern swimming pool, a gift of the city of Oakland, and dedicated last summer by Kay Kyser, is now open for the use of all hands. The pool is located by the athletic field.

The schedule for the use of the pool is as follows:

Daily, Monday Through Friday

0800-0900—Maintenance of pool.

0900-1100—Convalescent training program preference—enlisted.

1100-1200—Staff enlisted personnel.

1200-1300—Convalescent training program preference—officers.

1300-1530—Convalescent training program preference—enlisted.

1530-1730—Officers.

1730—Secure enlisted personnel.

Saturday—Pool opens at 1100, after which schedule is same as other week days.

Sunday—Pool opens at 1230. 1230 to 1500—For officers. 1500 to securing time—For enlisted personnel.

Oak Knoll's Pin Leaguers In Tie for First Place

Oak Knoll's representative in the Eastern Bowling League survived the second week of play in a five-way tie for first place. In their match on Friday, April 20, with TADCEN, of Shoemaker, they won and lost two.

Haymie, a star on the local squad, leads the league with an average of 198.

Staff Pin Leagues Open Season Play

The Blue and the Red Oak Knoll Staff Leagues, which are organized on a department basis, have swung into action, with each team having completed three games. Undeclared as yet are Medical Storeroom in the Blue League and Personnel in the Red League.

Smits, of the Welfare and Recreation team, has bowled the highest game in league play so far, a neat 237. High triple honors go to King with a 573. Culminating the season schedule in these handicap leagues will be a playoff for the championship, with the two top teams in each league participating.

STANDINGS		
Blue League—		
Medical Storeroom	3	0
Disbursing	2	1
Dental Clinic	2	1
Surgery	1	2
Welfare and Recreation	1	2
Physio Therapy	0	3
Red League—		
Personnel	3	0
Psychos	2	1
Laboratory	2	1
Laundry	1	2
A's	1	2
Ship's Service	0	3

HA1c: I dreamed I got a commission.

HA2c: Selling what?

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The chief and his wife had just had a spat and were driving along a country road without speaking until a mule brayed.

"One of your relatives?" asked the CPO, sourly.

"Yes," replied the wife, "by marriage."

Wards 77A-B Win Over 70A-B in Volleyball Game

In a hard-fought volleyball game, held on Tuesday, April 24, Wards 77A and B defeated Wards 70A and B. The scores were 21-3, 16-21 and 21-15.

The excellent teamwork of the 77A and B squad featured the match. Although losing the match, the 70A and B team was determined to turn the tables when the wards meet in a return match on 77's court.

The lineup for 77A and B was: Eby, Durborow, Linville, Raasche, Steele, Campbell and Riebling. 70A and B's lineup included Slee, Hauser, Hawkins, Watson, Owenby, Walls and Reid.

CSp D. V. Gabrysiak is in charge of the Convalescent Training Program on the 77 wards, and Spic J. P. Picarelli is in charge on the 70 wards.

He said he was going to kiss me and I said I wouldn't stand for it—so he led me over to the divan.

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A chief was putting his unit through calisthenics: "Hips or shoulders—place!"

Then, after a bit of deliberation "As you were. That can't be done Hips down!"

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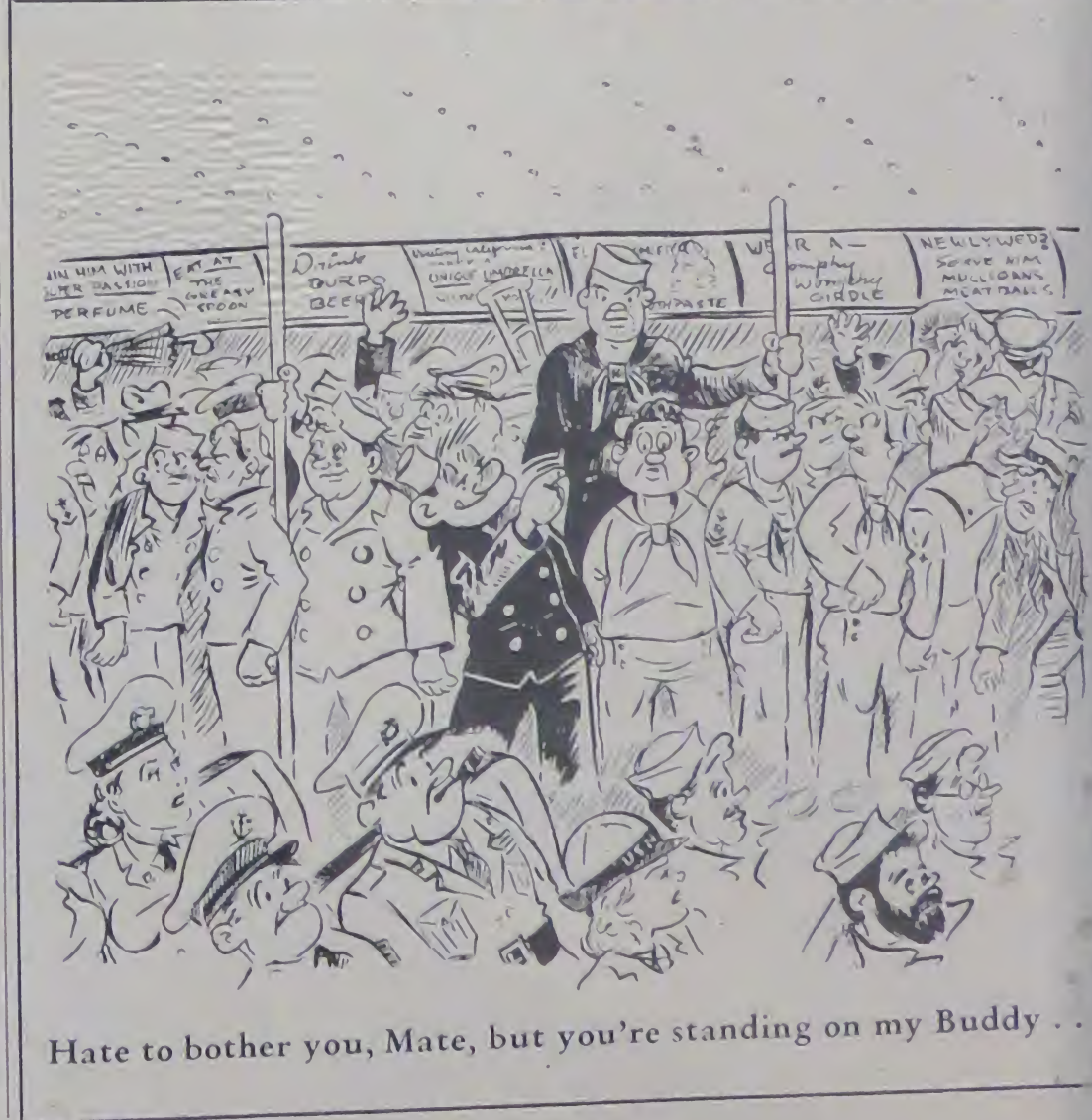
"Certainly we believe in clubs for women. What else, if kindness fails?"

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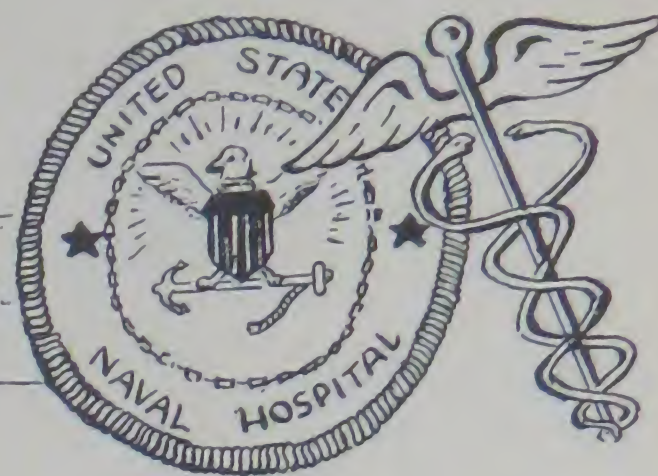
We've heard a lot of guys gripe about getting a calling down from an officer, but the way we see it the enlisted man always has the last word—"Yes, Sir."

MOIPHY . . .

By Penberthy



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Three Waves in Battle for Queen Title

LATEST RETURNS

Roberta Silvester	52
Doris Ott	45
Ida May Schneider	35
Margaret "Mickey" Finn	19
Lt. (jg) Lois Simons	18
Ann Silva	15
Helen "Kelly" Kuziara	13
Virginia Lee	10

With Lt. H. E. Arbogast out of the Purple Heart race due to her departure last Monday, the contest for a Purple Heart Queen narrowed down to a three-way struggle. Advancing spectacularly in the last week, Dental Clinic's Ida May Schneider challenged the heads of Roberta Silvester and Doris Ott.

Mickey Finn Gains

Also showing increasing strength in the voting was Security Office's Mickey Finn, who passed both Lt. (jg) Simons and Ann Silva to take fourth place. With only two weeks to go in this drive for blood for Oak Knoll patients, it is anticipated that a wave of balloting will furnish several upsets in the standings.

All Staff Affair Planned

Plans for the all-staff festivities on Monday evening, May 28, when the Queen and her attendants will be honored, are now being completed.

Weekend Attractions

Fri., May 11—1730:

Nothing But Trouble—
Laurel and Hardy

Fri., May 11—1930:

Oak Knollzapoppin'—an original Musical Revue organized and presented by the hospital.

Sat., May 12—1730-1930:

One Body Too Many—Jean Parker and Jack Haley.

Sun., May 13—1730-1930:

Song of a Sarong—Nancy Kelly.

Popular Nurse Leaves



Lt. Hortense E. Arbogast, a Chief Nurse in Surgery and leading contender in the Purple Heart Queen contest, received her orders on Monday, May 7, for duty aboard a newly commissioned hospital ship. Oak Knoll's best wishes go with this very popular Nurse on her new assignment.

NP Care Subject Of Essay Contest

An essay contest of interest to medical department personnel engaged in care of neuropsychiatric patients was announced last week by the magazine *The Modern Hospital*, published at 919 North Michigan Ave., Chicago 11, Ill.

Three prizes of \$500, \$350 and \$150 are offered for essays under 5,000 words proposing plans for improving treatment of NP patients in civilian hospitals. All medical department personnel are eligible, since the magazine allows wide latitude in type of article submitted, in fact, warns against the purely medical treatise. Contest closes 1 October, 1945. Full information may be obtained from the above address.

Bill Would Give Right To Practice in States

A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives which would authorize issuance of a certificate to practice medicine or dentistry in any state to medical or dental officers honorably discharged from the service. The certificate would be limited to those officers who already possess a license to practice medicine or dentistry under the laws of their own states.

Oak Leaf Celebrates First Anniversary

With this issue the OAK LEAF celebrates one year of printed existence. Before May 13, 1944, and since its inception in November of 1942, it had been a mimeographed paper.

By way of marking the auspicious occasion some of the past year's lurid misadventures of Corpsman Moiphy are reproduced on pages 4 and 5. What happens to Penberthy's Moiphy, the eternal HA deuce, shouldn't happen to a dog but through it all he maintains his buoyant (and sometimes alcoholic) spirits.

Housing Project Is Begun Here

The Federal Public Housing Authority has started to construct a housing project of 10 four-family apartment buildings in the area between St. Andrews Road and Barcelona Street in Sequoyah Hills for the purpose of housing Naval personnel and their families.

Commissioned officers not above the rank of lieutenant, senior grade, and enlisted personnel who have had duty at sea or overseas and, as a result, have been separated from their families for an extended period of time, who are now returned and assigned to permanent duty at this hospital, will be given first priority.

In the event there are insufficient applicants on the first priority list, a second priority list consisting of officers and men who have not had duty at sea or overseas, who are assigned permanent duty at this hospital, will be made up to fill vacancies.

Monthly shelter rental rates will vary for \$11.00 for a third-class petty officer (or below) to \$32.50 for warrant or commissioned officers. In addition to the shelter rental rates, there will be charges for services and utilities such as light, heat, hot water, refuse removal, etc. A standard furniture rental will also be charged.

It is contemplated that the dwelling units will be ready for occupancy about August 1, 1945.

For further information and application, contact the Station Housing Officer at the Security Office.

Amphitheatre Service for Mother's Day

Sunday, May 13, as proclaimed by President Truman, is to be observed not only as "Mother's Day," but also as a "Day of Prayer" in thanksgiving for the cessation of hostilities in Europe.

At Oak Knoll, Protestants will gather in the amphitheatre at 1030 for a Mother's Day and Day of Prayer service. The Oakland Wave Chorus, in charge of Ens. Duke and directed by SP(W)1c Karl Major, will present three numbers.

In the Chapel, Protestants will participate in Holy Communion at 0930 and the Vespers will begin at 1800.

Catholics will attend Chapel Masses which will also stress the special observance at 0630, 0830, and 1100.

Chaplain Cronin To Go Overseas

After eighteen months of duty at Oak Knoll, Chaplain R. E. Cronin was detached on Tuesday, May 8, for an overseas assignment. The hospital will miss his earnest and sincere personality and wishes him success on his future assignments.

Taking Mr. Cronin's place is Chaplain Leonard A. Kelly of Rochester, New York. Lt. Kelly saw service with the Marine Air Wing in the Central Pacific area.

NOTICE TO STAFF

ALNAV 79 provides a new method of awarding the PURPLE HEART. Any STAFF MEMBER who has been wounded in action, and has not received a PURPLE HEART for such wounds, are requested to contact Lt. KERSHNER, at the Medals, Awards, and Citations desk, in the Patient Personnel Office for information. Staff personnel, in this case, means Officers, Nurses, and Enlisted Personnel.

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• Mothers

What a wonderful thing is a mother! Other folks can love you, but only your mother understands. She works for you, looks after you, loves you, forgives you—anything you may do. And then the only thing bad she ever does do is to die and leave you.—*Baroness von Hutton.*

• Victory in Europe

Calm and serene was V-E Day. The little display of merriment was but a cover-up for the mixed emotions of millions of Americans and their allies.

We are glad because many of our friends and loved ones will soon return home. We are glad that the hell of war in Europe has subsided into local conflicts and community problems. We are glad that the forces of Nazi tyranny have been overcome, at least in a military way.

We are sobered by the fact that Nazi education plus the constant pounding of our bombs have been instrumental in the starvation and butchering of those placed in concentration camps. We are sobered by the physical hunger, the mental warpings, and the moral chaos in the lives of millions in Europe. We are sobered into humility. Our job has just begun.

• Keep Buying 'Em

The world-shattering event for which we have been waiting through five long years has at last become front page news. Hitler's downfall and the defeat of Nazi Germany mark the beginning of a new era, with more than a decade of oppression and violence wiped out in one blazing victory.

Looking back on the past three years of America's participation in the war, a number of factors stand out as definitely contributing to the final victory. Not the least of these was the steady stream of War Bonds purchased by a freedom-loving nation that refused to surrender its birthright.

Throughout the gloomy months that stretched from December 7, 1941, to today, many of us bought Bonds to the limit. That investment has paid enormous dividends. It enabled this nation to equip its civilian armies and to build up its resources to the point where by sheer weight they overwhelmed the enemy.

But the end is not yet.

There exists still another menace to America that has not yet been erased, and a long and bloody road must be traversed before Japan capitulates. No man, particularly not the hard-headed and realistic military leaders who are planning Japan's defeat, will hazard a guess as to the length of time it will take to knock her out of the war.

The men on the ships in the Pacific and the sweating fighters in the jungles and on the beaches know that the war is far from over, and that many long months must elapse before they can call it a day and return home.

If we let down in our all-out efforts now, then we are letting down our men who are still doing the fighting and dying. Our War Bonds, however, are an assurance to them that we are wide-awake and realistic concerning the issues at stake, and that we are not lulled into a fool's paradise by the assumption that the war is practically over.

Scuttlebutt

Helen Weigel, the Oak Leaf's special correspondent in Laboratory, claims it was a spider that gave her the shiner and laceration on the forehead, and as far as we're concerned, that's the official story. . . .

Ginny's nickname, in the scientific jargon of our local Pasteurs, is H₂O₂. Not being a scientist, we're not sure what it means, but we think it can be translated as "beautiful blonde." . . .

Robertson, red-headed student in Dental Clinic, likes to climb ladders . . . or else has a special interest in something topside. . . .

Smitty is going to get spliced to a red-head in Commissary 1. . . . Some girls will go to any lengths to get a good cook in the family. . . .

The eyes of Texas are now upon Lawnick . . . and does he love it! . . .

Is J. J. Curtis, HA1c, a patient on 42A, the new swoon boy of Oak Knoll? . . . A blonde in Physio thinks he is. . . .

The way the corpsmen in Surgery 1 see it, their Queen preferred Sea Duty rather than having to go back to Surgery 2. . . .

The youthful cut-ups in Surgery have nothing on Papa Diewert. . . .

Mills College Professor To Address SMCL

The fourth in a series of discussions on the making of the peace will be held Monday night at 1800 on the 2nd deck of the Bag Room Bldg., No. 132. Prof. George Hedley of the Mills College Economics Dept. will speak on "The Peace and Labor." All servicemen and servicewomen are invited to this and other meetings of the Service Men's Christian League.

His blonde "Baby Doll" resides in a neighboring community. . . .

It is our sad duty to announce that Don Ehlman has abandoned the mustache project until such a time as maturity shall have overtaken him. . . . Meanwhile, Burton has grimly accepted the challenge and, recently at least, sported a downy growth of considerable proportions. . . .

Speaker Scheduled

The Rev. Walter A. Maier of the National Lutheran Hour radio program has been tentatively scheduled to speak in the auditorium on Tuesday, May 15, at 1230. All hands are invited.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

The Story of the Moron

The story of the moron who thought himself God is not so strange. For, with the exception of a few rare individuals, we all to a degree become our own gods, in that we center our whole lives about ourselves.

But this centering on ourselves works to no good. Rather, it works to the destruction of the very self upon which we are centering. For that which is sown in self-interest eventually is reaped in resentment and distrust, loneliness and bitterness. These are the results and expressions of self-centeredness: a morbid fear of criticism, of what people think and say; the harboring of meaningless personal offences and a soul-gnawing self-pity. He who is ego-centric gives vent to flashing temper, is moody and sullen. He constantly "wears his feelings on his sleeve." He desires to be noticed, to be first in all things to forever have his way. And if these are not satisfied, he very often nurses a martyred spirit and laments the ignorance of a benighted society. Peace and calmness, a sense of security and well-being are not his. He cannot get along with himself, much less with others. He shuts himself up within himself, and by that very fact shuts himself off from others.

But by far worse than the resultant loss of friends, is his estrangement from God. His self-sufficiency has determined from the beginning the absence of fellowship with God. For no man can serve two masters, himself and God. He will necessarily serve the one and reject the other.

The answer to the problem lies in the recentering of one's personality about God. Read again Matt. 16:24-26 and find the answer explicitly stated.

CHAPLAIN ROEBUCK.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.
Sunday: Morning Worship—0930.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Vespers—1800.
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.

Discussion Group (alternating Mondays and Tuesdays in Chapel)—1730.

Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.

L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplains—R. V. Cronin, J. P. Corley.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830 and 1100.
Weekday Mass—0650 and 1640.
Confessions—Daily, before Mass.
Saturdays at 1900; on the Thursday before each first Friday at 1900.
Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.

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Off the Bookshelf

If you have wondered what the librarians do during their working day, besides advising you what to read and checking out books, you may be interested in knowing some of the questions that have been asked them:

What state produces the most potatoes?

Where is Lee Hall?

How far is it to Glenwood Springs?

Who was Willkie's running mate?

What does the library have on snakes?

Is a book on Esperanto available?

Where can one find pictures of horses' heads?

Who was the U. S. ambassador to Germany in 1925?

How do you use the word "literally"?

What is the significance of the title of Bromfield's book, *The Green Bay Tree*?

Why are there seven stars in the small commissioning pennant? (This is one we couldn't answer.)

Where is the most complete set of rules on tennis?

What is the political situation in China?

What nationality is Stuart Loete? How do you pronounce his name?

From what poem of Eunice Tietjens are the lines, "Space and the clean winds of heaven"? (We haven't found this one yet.)

What are the requirements for entering the consular service? Dunham's *ENVOY UNEXTRAORDINARY* had some interesting information.)

What are the best methods of raising frogs for table use?

What is the name of the corpsman who performed an appendectomy in a submarine?

What novels does the library have on engineers, dogs, horses, sports?

The personal questions run something like this:

Are you married?

What are you doing tonight?

Were you a librarian before you came here?

Are you working for the Junior League or the Navy? (We like that one especially.)

A corpsman who used to work in the Library and later in the Security Office is mentioned on page 89 of Captain Parsons' new book, *Mob 3*. Describing the building of the hospital, Captain Parsons says, "... they put their packing clothes back on and returned to the steel girders and galvanized roof of the storehouse. One of them, Pharmacist's Mate Aluli, has heard to say, "If I put on any dry clothes tomorrow it will be my mattress cover."

The managing editor of the *Oak Leaf*, T. Fenstad, has a story in a collection edited by Burnett, entitled *Two Bottles of Relish: a book of Strange and Unusual*

GI Bill Provides Out of Work Pay

One of the benefits provided by the Service Men's Readjustment Act of 1944 (commonly referred to as the G. I. Bill) is a money allowance (called Readjustment Allowance) of \$20 per week while completely unemployed for periods ranging from eight weeks to 52 weeks, depending upon length of active service. In case of partial employment, the amount of wages for the week in excess of \$3 is deducted from the allowance.

Limit Is One Year

Within the 52 weeks' limit, the total eligibility is determined by allowing eight weeks of allowances for each of the first three months of active service and four weeks of allowances for each additional month or major fraction thereof of active service after September 16, 1940. For this purpose the month begins with the first day of active service; thus a person who served from September 22, 1943, to January 21, 1944, would have exactly four months of active service and be entitled, if otherwise eligible, to 28 weeks of allowances.

Must Serve 90 Days

To be eligible, the applicant must have served in the armed forces at least 90 days unless sooner discharged for a disability incurred in service in line of duty; must have been on active duty after September 16, 1940, and prior to the termination of the present war and must have been discharged or released from active service under conditions other than dishonorable.

The first week of unemployment with respect to which the allowances are payable is that starting Monday, September 4, 1944. Allowances are payable only with respect to unemployment occurring not later than two years after discharge or release from active duty or the termination of the war, whichever is the later date. The act also provides that no allowance shall be payable for any week commencing more than five years after the termination of the war.

A veteran may not receive readjustment allowance for the same period that he is in receipt of subsistence allowance for education or training under Title II of the act or increased pension for vocational rehabilitation under Public Law 16, 78th Congress. The amount of the allowance will be reduced by the amount received or accrued for the same period under any Federal or State unemployment or disability compensation law, but no reduction will be made on account of pension, compensation, or retired pay paid by the Veterans' Administration.

CLARENCE E. WILLARD,
Contact Representative.

Stories. As the book is out, we haven't yet been able to discover the title of the story, but are looking forward to reading the story when we can get it.



"That War Bond may be a ticket to freedom, Mate, but it's not a liberty pass!"

Educational Services

Try This Short Quiz!

1. Would an hour of special study now and then make you a better Navy man?

2. Got your eye on a job you'd like to step into? Would a little spare time study help you land it?

3. Going on with your education? If so, would you rather start in where you left off or keep even with the fellows at home?

4. What are you going to do when peace comes?

5. Do you know the best educational facilities are open to you right here at Oak Knoll, top deck Marine Detachment, Ext. 164?

Special Interest Programs

Classroom "A," Educational Services, 0900 - 1100, 14 May - 18 May:

14 May—"Pharmacy and Drug Store Management," lecture and discussion. Mr. Lester Wegener (Dist. Mgr. Owl Drug Stores).

15 May—Round table discussion, "Our Ally, Russia." Movies: "Siberia," "Agriculture in Russia." Lt. J. C. Payne (Educ. Services).

16 May—"Post-War Agriculture," lecture and discussion. Dr. Harry Wellman (Univ. of Cal.).

17 May—Radio—Electricity and Television, lecture and discussion. Mr. Kusisto (Ray-Theon Corp.).

18 May—Current Events—News Developments. Movie: "The Store of Canadian Pine." Lt. J. C. Payne (Educ. Services).

What Is a Seabee?

CWT J. E. Porter, a patient (very patient, he says) working in the library, contributes the following definition of a Seabee: A soldier in sailor's uniform with marine training doing a civilian job for WPA wages.

Vote Information For Servicemen

1. The following information concerning the elections to be held in Georgia, Michigan, Ohio and Virginia is published for the information of Naval personnel from those states.

Georgia: A general statewide election to ratify or reject a proposed new state constitution will be held on 7 August, 1945. Eligible service men may vote by a special absentee military ballot. Absentee civilians may vote only through regular absentee balloting procedure. Postcard application for ballot, USWBC, Form No. 1, will be accepted by election officials at any time.

Michigan: A municipal primary election will be held in the City of Detroit on 7 August, 1945. Candidates to be chosen at this election will be: Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Councilmen and Constables. Eligible service men, members of the merchant marine, and certain attached civilians, may vote in this primary election. Postcard applications for ballots (USWBC, Form No. 1) will be accepted from such persons beginning 14 May, 1945.

Ohio: A primary election will be held in most cities throughout the state on 31 July, 1945. (Certain charter cities will hold elections at other dates to be announced later.) Candidates to be chosen at this election will be municipal officers for cities and villages. Eligible service men, members of the merchant marine and certain attached civilians may vote in this primary election. Postcard applications for ballots will be accepted from service men and from members of the merchant marine and certain attached civilians. Relatives may also apply for ballots to be mailed to service men.

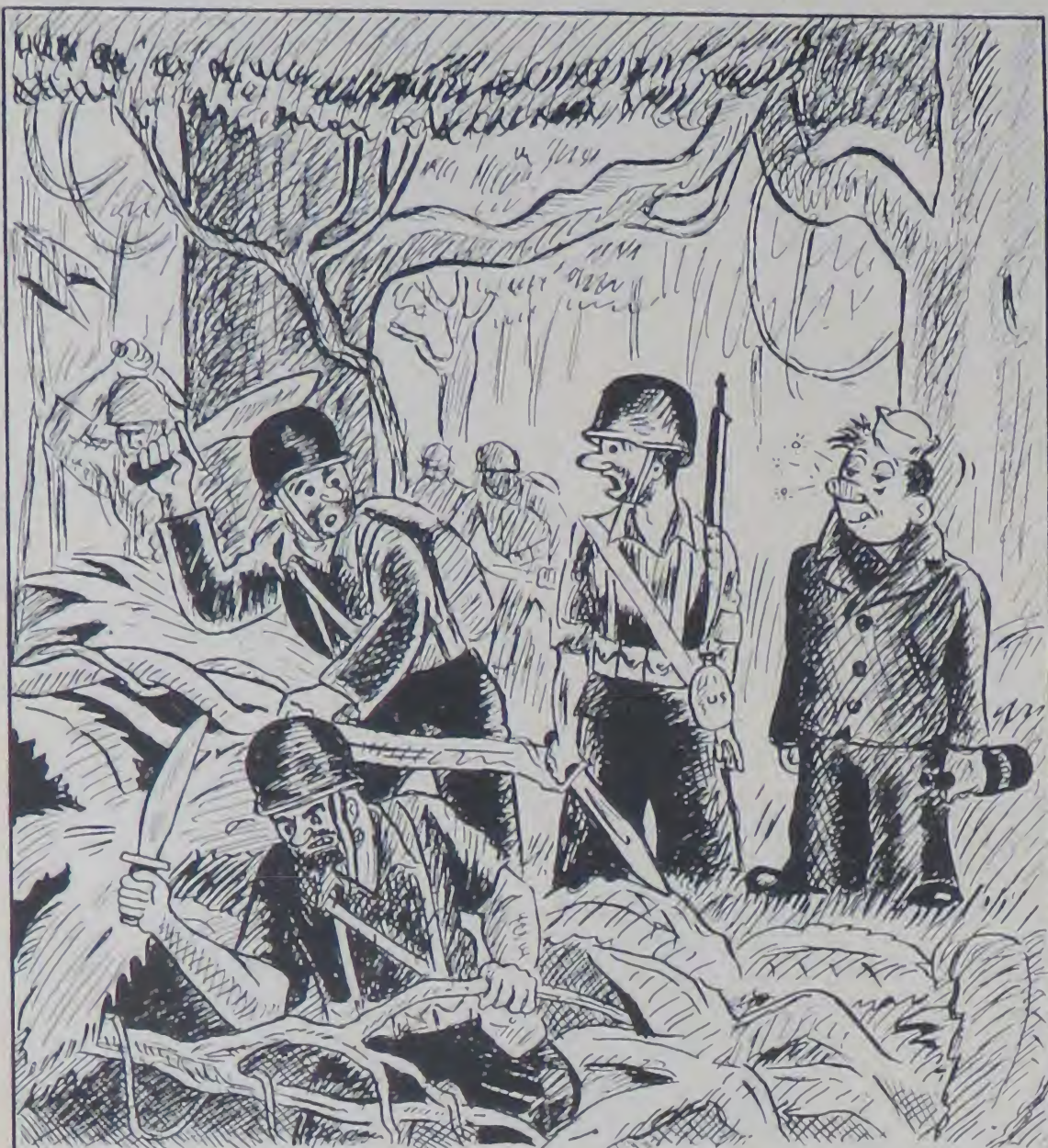
Virginia: A Democratic primary election will be held throughout the State on 7 August, 1945. Candidates to be chosen at this primary will be Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, members of the House of Delegates, and certain local officers. Eligible service men may vote in this Democratic primary election. Postcard applications for ballots (USWBC, Form No. 1) will be accepted from service men and will be received at any time. Relatives may also apply for ballots to be mailed to service men.

Spring—When a young man's fancy lightly turns to what the girl has been thinking about all winter.

PHARMACIST MATES!

Have you thought of owning and operating a drug store or pharmacy? If so, you will enjoy discussing your plans with Mr. Lester Wegener, District Manager Owl Drug Stores, who will visit the hospital 14 May, Classroom "A," Educational Services, 0900-1100.

Moiphy Is An HA2c Who Leads a Corpsman's Life at Oak Knoll



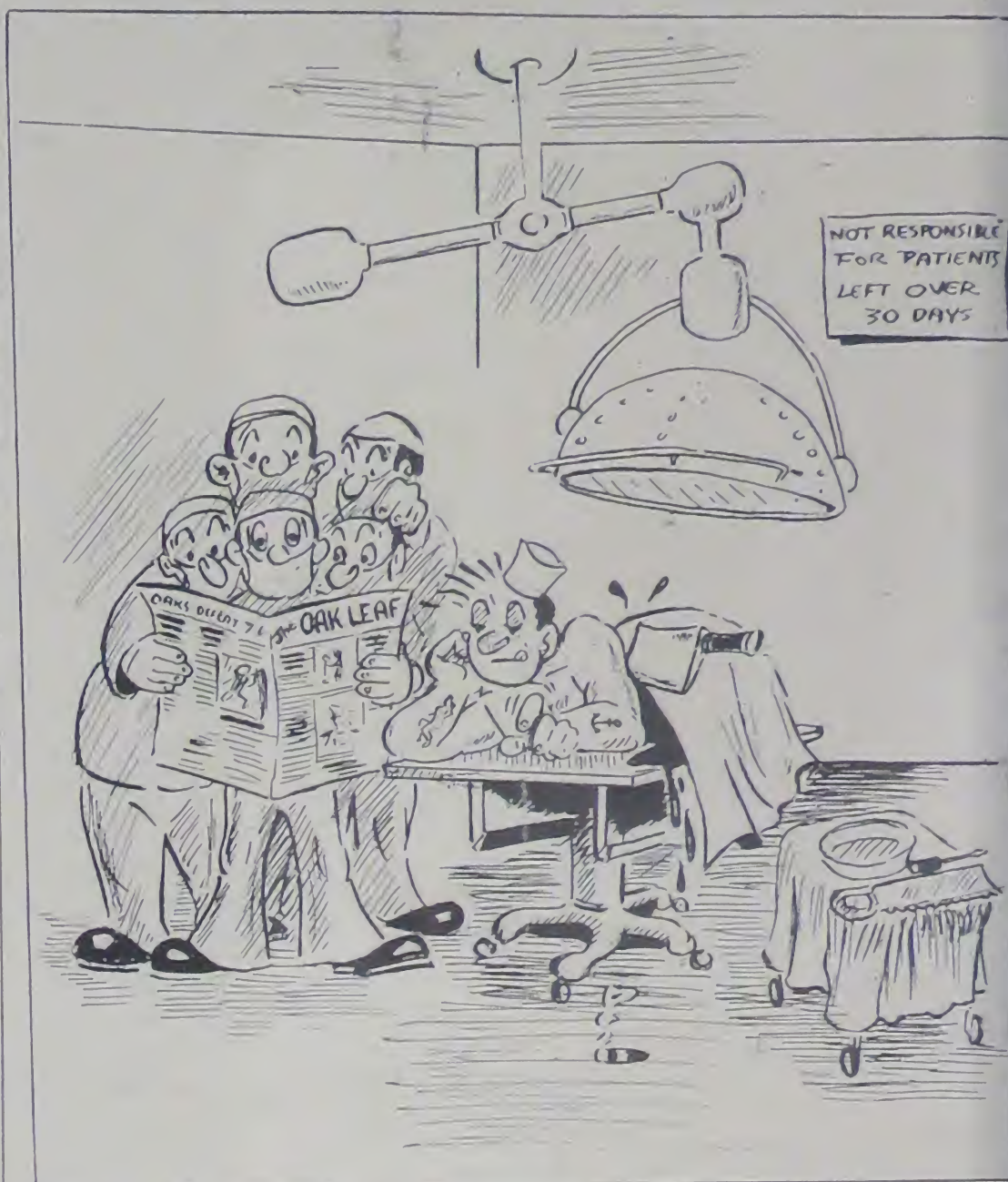
"HE WANTS TO KNOW WHERE
TO GET THE OAK KNOLL BUS."

Moiphy came to the Oakland Naval Hospital on June 24, 1944 (from Corps School, we presume) and like all of us had some trouble finding his way around at first.

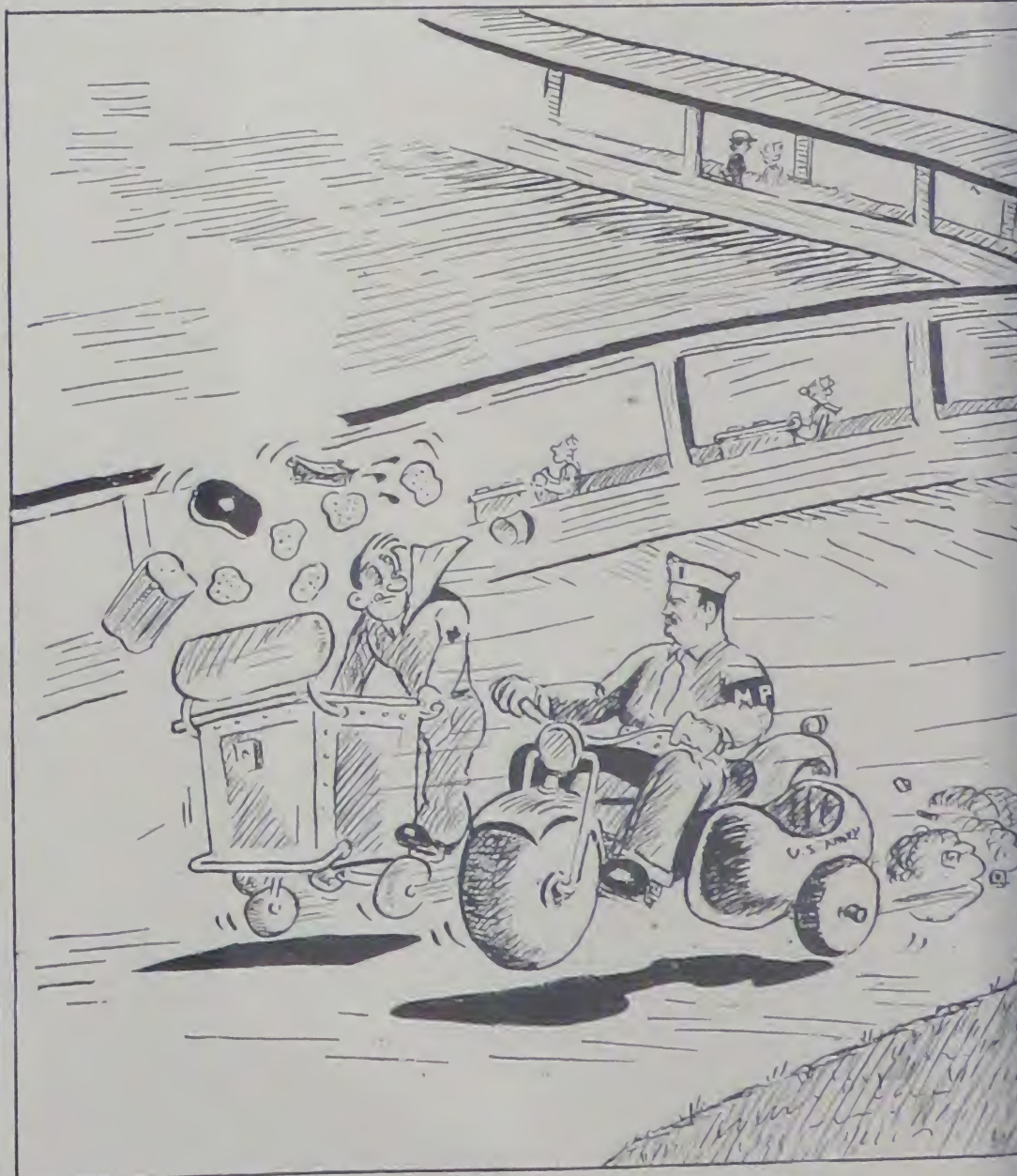


"FIELD DAY"

He had his first experience with a squeegee on December 2, 1944. This is one of the few times in his hospital career that Moiphy has been caught working.



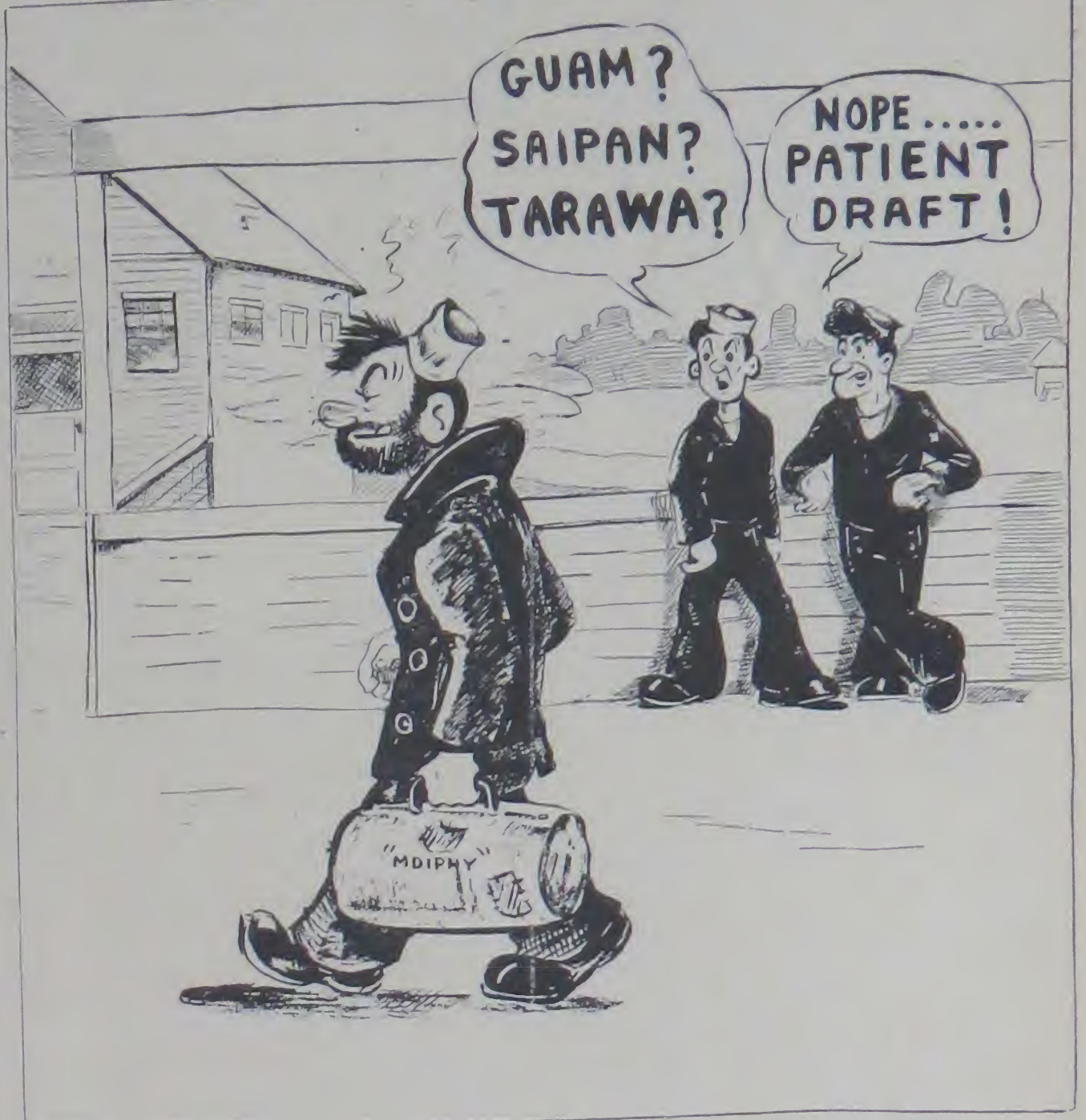
While the O. R. Technicians are appropriately fascinated by the OAK LEAF, Moiphy waits impatiently for his operation on September 30, 1944.



On the day Moiphy was caught speeding, Chief Warrant Officer Branson, USMC, armband and all, burst into the OAK LEAF office with blood in his eye.



"G'wan Moiphy, Tell Him There's No Smoking in the Amphitheatre!" is the caption to this, Moiphy's most critical moment, which came on September 16, 1944.



PhM3c Jack Penberthy, creator of Moiphy, had just returned from a patient draft a week before Moiphy did likewise in the issue of December 16, 1944.

Returned Prisoners of War Will Receive Promotion Consideration

The War and Navy Departments have announced that special consideration with respect to promotion will be given, with certain exceptions, to returned officer and enlisted personnel of the Army and Navy, who in the course of honorable service, have fallen into the hands of the enemy as prisoners of war or who have escaped from such custody or evaded capture.

The purpose of special consideration will be to provide opportunity to attain the rank, grade or rating which they would probably have attained, had they not been separated temporarily from normal active service.

Upon return to the jurisdiction of their respective services, they will be considered, if qualified, for immediate promotion of one rank, grade or rating, and for subsequent promotion as soon as qualified.

Time in grade, position vacancy and billet requirements will be waived in their case. Officer personnel, however, will not be advanced more than one grade at a time.

ATTENTION, RADARMEN, RADIOMEN, RADIO TECHNICIANS, SONARMEN!

If your Navy radio and electronics training has struck a spark, and you'd like to know more about the post-war and civilian field—come to Classroom "A" to the lecture and discussion to be conducted by Mr. C. Kusisto, Ray-Theon Corporation, in Classroom "A," Educational Services, 17 May, 0900-1100.

Hospital Heads to Present Medals

To eliminate delay between time of wound and award of the Purple Heart the Secretary of the Navy has authorized the presentation of the award by medical officers in command of all hospitals within the continental limits.

In addition, fleet commanders are authorized to delegate authority to award the Purple Heart "to commanding officers of such hospital ships, advance base or other hospitals within their commands as they may deem necessary for this purpose."

79 New Pharmacists Are Appointed

Bupers announced a total of 79 appointments to the rank of pharmacist in the Hospital Corps in a circular letter of 15 April. In addition, there were 30 promotions of Hospital Corps officers.

Museum Planned For US Navy

In accordance with plans for a Naval Museum here, after the war, Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Surgeon General of the Navy, has appointed a Medical Museum Committee headed by Rear Admiral Harold W. Smith (MC), USN (Ret.).

The committee will be "responsible for the selection, collection, preparation and preservation of trophies, relics, pictures, models, dioramas and other materials of historical interest for exhibit in the contemplated Naval Museum in Washington."

Story of a man's life: 20 years in which his mother keeps asking him where he is going; 40 years during which his wife asks the same thing; then the time when the mourners wonder about it.



Parade Rest

Gunnery Sgt. Sam Ferrantino, USMC.

Starting today, this contribution from the staff personnel of the Marine Detachment will be found weekly in the *Oak Leaf*.

Last week the Detachment welcomed a board two newcomers from R & R, San Diego, Staff Sgt. M. R. Duplantier and Staff Sgt. R. D. Lowrie, and said "so long" to 1st Lt. R. E. Cohen, who left for duty overseas, to Pl. Sgt. W. L. "B" Watson, who left for OCS at Quantico, Va., and Sgt. L. A. Latno, who went "seagoing." Best of luck, men, and if we must read about you, let it be under the heading, "Decorations and Citations."

Speaking of decorations and citations, we recently decorated a lad in our own detachment. The occasion was during the five-minute period of silence which was ordered after the death of President Roosevelt. All members of the Marine Staff gathered in the detachment office, and at the designated time Captain Hengesbach announced the beginning of the five-minute period. Each man sat at his respective desk in silent reverence, though their eyes were focused on one man. The clock slowly ticked off the minutes: 1—2—3. Would he do it? Could he do it? Everyone was tense and uneasy. The clock ticked off 4 and 5. The captain walked out of his office and announced that the silent period had terminated. Everyone rushed over to shake the hand of a lad who had truly proven he COULD control his vocal cords for five minutes, to congratulate Sgt. "J" "P" (Windy) Corn. Within the hour his courageous feat had been brought to the attention of proper authorities, who directed that appropriate honors be rendered. Later that afternoon the members of the Marine Detachment assembled in front of the detachment office, and at an informal yet impressive ceremony, Sgt. (Windy) Corn was awarded the Detachment Silver Star. An excerpt from the citation read "Who on several occasions has demonstrated his ability to impart any and all knowledge on numerous and sundry matters to any listener within a radius of five miles. In spite of all this, and in the face of overwhelming temptation, Sgt. Corn displayed outstanding self-restraint for a period of five whole minutes." The star was constructed of the finest tin available, with a white paper ribbon, and a handy clip-on safety pin.

In the event anyone on the compound has more work than they can handle, just bring it down to Sgt. Griffin. He has practically nothing to do; that is, outside of his regular duties as transfer clerk, promotion and reduction clerk, correspondence clerk, file clerk, draft clerk, and a few other jobs that keep him busy in the meantime.

A typical occurrence on Thursday afternoons: "All right, girls,

Wave Softballers Defeat T. I. 17-5

Having beaten the Nurses twice in practice tilts, the Wave Softballers went on to swamp the T. I. Waves 17-5 on Friday, May 4. The game, which was played on the island, was featured by home runs by Lt. (jg) McLaughlin and Page of the Oak Knoll group.

PhM2c Ware pitched the major portion of the game, with Taylor catching, and was credited with six strikeouts. After an unsteady opening inning, in which T. I. scored all their runs, she settled down and hurled a tight game. Oak Knoll's big inning came in the third when eight runs crossed the plate.

Miss McLaughlin, of Welfare and Recreation, has announced that while the Starboard squad is well organized, the Port team could use more players. All girls interested should see PhM1c Alice Young at the Wave barracks.

Lt. (jg) I. Thompson Sets Pin Records

Three new station records for Oak Knoll's bowling alleys were hung up last week by Lt. (jg) I. Thompson, NNC. Her 246, 461 and 619, respectively, for high single, double and triple, established a peak for feminine pin-rolling which will probably stand for some time.

High Bowlers of the Week

Men

Single—Kieswater	244
Double—King	447
Triple—King	641

Women

Single—Lt. (jg) I. Thompson	246
Double—Lt. (jg) I. Thompson	461
Triple—Lt. (jg) I. Thompson	619

FALL IN. Three ranks facing this way . . . three ranks, please, cover down, three ranks, please, cover down, yes, facing this way. Attention to muster! Abbott!, here, Anderson!, here, etc., Baker!, here. Blagen!, here, etc., Casper!; here. Clark!, here, etc., D-E-F-G-H-I-Johnson!, here, is your name Johnson?. "No." Then why did you answer for Johnson? "I'm sorry, I thought you said Matziewski." Right face, forward march. Now remember, the dress is right, 40 inches from back to breast, four inches from shoulder to shoulder, swing your arms, pick up the step, keep your head and eyes off the deck, march straight to the front right flank, MARCH left flank, MARCH rear, MARCH rear, MARCH, platoon HALT! What happened that time? Why aren't you in your right place? You should pay more attention to what you're supposed to be doing.

Hospital's Chiefs Beat Specialists

The long-standing conversational feud between the Chief Pharmacist's Mates and the Chief Athletic Specialists as to their respective ability in Softball has at last been settled. The pill-rollers downed the Tunney boys 6-4 on Friday, May 4, to win the argument conclusively.

The game was featured by some lusty slugging and numerous errors, due to the inability of the portly gentlemen to bend over that far. We look forward to seeing these squads tangling with the Waves and the Nurses in the near future, who should give them some stiff competition.

Oak Knoll's Pin Stars Trounce Supply Depot

On Thursday evening, May 3, Oak Knoll's match bowlers traveled to the Naval Supply Depot's alleys and administered a thorough drubbing to their squad, 2748-2634. It was the second win for the hospital in the three matches played with the Supply team.

McLaughlin was high triple man with 586, and also rolled the high single game of 203. Other Oak Knoll scores were: Pettey, 519; Winters, 551; Peklewsky, 547; Haynie, 545. As can be seen by the scores, the whole squad bowled at a consistently high clip.

Lieutenant (roaring with rage): Who told you to put those flowers on the table?

Steward: The captain, sir.

Lieutenant: Oh! Pretty, aren't they?

In Your Opinion

"What will you do with your mustering out pay when you are discharged from the Navy?"

B. S. Holston, MoM2c:

"I don't think it will last very long. In fact, I expect it to be gone before I get very far. I'll buy a suit of clothes and go home in style."

Dorothy Thompson, PhM3c:

"I'm going to buy a whole new outfit with nothing Navy Blue in it."

James A. Harsman, WT1c:

"Hunting and fishing for deer and trout in Feather River Canyon, Calif., will use up my dough. After that, I'll have to go to work."

Ray Crane, HA1c:

"I'll use it for personal expense at Michigan State College. That money will come in handy, although the G. I. Bill will cover the tuition."

Kathryn Long, SP(W) 3c:

"I'll probably take a refresher course in my chosen field—church social work. I hope to continue doing the same type of work I'm doing now."

Mick Crozier, S1c:

"I'll use it to get established some way—either to get married or to go to college. I haven't decided which."

Chaplain A. T. L. Armstrong:

"I'm going to see how far away it will get me from the problems of people."

Lost and Found

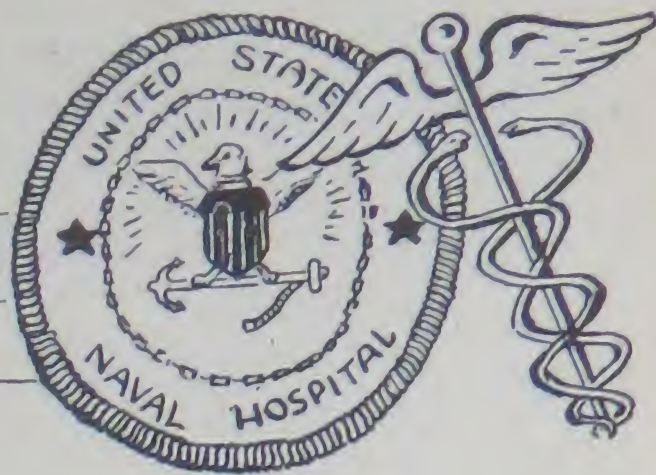
LOST—Gold and Maroon Fountain Pen on compound during drill. Please return to Oak Leaf office. Reward.

MOIPHY . . .

By Penberthy



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Oak Knoll Does It Again! Musical Revue Is Success



Above: The cast receives enthusiastic applause at the finale; below: A scene from the first act.

"Oak Knollzapoppin'," worthy successor to "Surveys of 1945," brought to the hospital on Friday evening, May 11, a swiftly-paced, laughter-filled musical revue. Like its predecessor, it was by, of, and about Oak Knoll and proved that our local talent can more than hold their own against visiting professionals.

Shows Life on Ward

Consisting of two acts, the first typical ward and the second a somewhat mythical Ship's Service, the show featured good-natured parody, clever lines, the mellifluous warbling of Martha Emerick

and Frank Montalbano, the buoyant, animated singing of Marjorie Josephson, and the magic of Mr. Clarence Willard.

Mr. Willard, Veterans' Representative at the hospital, provided a high point in the evening's festivities with his card magic and uncanny ability to stretch his normal 5 feet ten inches to an enormous 6 feet four inches. A showman of many years' experience, Mr. Willard was formerly associated with P. T. Barnum, Herrmann the Great, and Bob Ripley's "Believe It or Not."

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Change Hours, Place Of Divine Services

The following changes have been made in the Divine Services schedule at the hospital:

Catholic Masses on Sunday will be held at 0630 in the Chapel; at 0900 and 1100 in the Auditorium. Confessions will be heard before all three of these services.

Protestant Services on Sunday will include Communion at 0900 and Divine Services at 1030 in the Chapel.

The Service Men's Christian League will meet Mondays at 1800 on the 2nd deck of the Bag Room Bldg. 132.

All-Staff Dance Set For Monday, May 28

With the Staff Dance at which Oak Knoll's own Purple Heart Queen will be honored only a week off, all staff personnel are advised to line up their dates for the big occasion.

The gala dance is set for Monday evening, May 28, in the Auditorium and both staff officers and staff enlisted personnel are invited to attend.

With the successful Oak Leaf sponsored Purple Heart Queen contest, which has provided much blood for Oak Knoll patients, coming to an end May 25, all eyes are now turned to the Coronation Ceremonies at which the Queen and her four Maids of Honor will be named and feted.

Got Radio Talent? Broadcast Planned

Do you have Radio talent? If you do, here is your chance to be heard on a regularly scheduled compound broadcast now being organized.

Sponsored by the Welfare and Recreation Department a weekly broadcast from the stage of the Auditorium over station KLX is now being arranged.

If you would like to appear on this program and think you can qualify, turn in your name at the Welfare and Recreation Office, topside Ship's Service.

Purple Heart Nears Finale

LATEST RETURNS

Roberta Silvester	53
Doris Ott	45
Ida May Schneider	45
Margaret "Mickey" Finn	19
Lt. (jg) Lois Simons	18
Ann Silva	15
Helen "Kelly" Kuziara	13
Virginia Lee	10
Lt. Eleanor Stockhausen	8

With only one week remaining in Oak Knoll's quest for a Purple Heart Queen, three Waves are still fighting it out for top honors. Roberta Silvester maintained her lead but Ida May Schneider advanced sharply to tie Doris Ott for second place.

Nurse Gains

The other contestants in the Oak Leaf-sponsored drive for blood for Oak Knoll patients maintained their positions with a late-comer in the race, Lt. Eleanor Stockhausen, NNC, making a strong bid for entry into the charmed circle.

Present plans call for the Blood Bank to remain open on the evening of Friday, May 25, to accommodate late donors who wish to vote for a Queen. However, with the filling of reservations for blood donors on that day the contest officially comes to an end.

Dance May 28

The Queen, who will be honored at the All-Staff Dance in the Auditorium on May 28.

Nurse Dance to Be Held Saturday Nite, May 19

A Nurse Dance has been scheduled for Saturday evening, May 19, at the Officers' Club. All Officers are invited to attend.

Weekend Attractions

Fri., May 18—1700-1930

Murder He Says—Fred MacMurray and Marjorie Main.

Sat., May 19—1700-1930

For Me and My Gal—Judy Garland and Gene Kelly.

Sun., May 20—1730-1930.

Rocking in the Rockies—Mary Beth Hughes and Jay Kirby.

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• A Young American Comes Home

G. K. Chesterton, the great English writer, is reported to have said that the main objective of travel is to come home with fresh eyes. To return to one's home land after a long absence is to perceive more sharply those values that make it great and enduring.

When Earl Dudley, Jr., the four-year-old boy whose picture appears on this page, came to America after three and one-half years in Japanese concentration camps he made the acquaintance for the first time of his nation and future home. He had his first ice cream cone, his first glass of fresh milk and he had, perhaps, his first intimation that life had wider boundaries than those of a prison camp and the future more hope than that provided by the edicts and whims of brutalized militarists.

In the wonder contained in his oft-repeated question, "Is this the United States?" there is a challenge to all of us. After we win the war, are we going to build a world of peace, freedom, tolerance, and equality? These are the things we are fighting for against our enemies and, too often, deny within ourselves.

U. S. Navy to Maintain Full Strength; Some 42-Year-Olds to Be Discharged

Victory in Europe will mean a redistribution but not a reduction in naval personnel strength.

Although some Navy men will be discharged for reasons of age or physical condition, they will be replaced by younger men and the action will not represent a demobilization. Instead, the measure is being adopted to increase the fighting efficiency of the Navy.

During the next six months the Navy plans to discharge or release from active duty (1) certain enlisted personnel 42 years old and over who voluntarily apply and (2) certain enlisted personnel who are physically fit only for limited duty by reason of a medical survey. This does not include men who meet the physical standards for induction as special assignment personnel.

The purpose is to increase the overall efficiency of the fighting

forces by releasing older men and men not fully qualified for general duty and increasing the number of younger, fully-qualified personnel to meet the future needs of the fleet.

Discharge or release to inactive duty will be effected by commanding officers without prior reference to the Navy Department, on application, for enlisted personnel 42 or more years of age in these categories: inducted personnel (USN-I), members of the Naval Reserve and members of the fleet reserve. Exceptions will be regular Navy (USN) personnel, men undergoing hospitalization and those in a disciplinary status.

It is expected three months will be required for progressive release of personnel shore-based in this country and six months for those afloat or abroad.

In addition, enlisted personnel who have been classified previously as fit for limited duty only by reason of a medical survey will be re-examined physically during the next four months and those found unfit for general duty will be discharged or released. Exceptions will be those who were partially disabled in combat but who desire to remain in the Navy, and men who meet the physical standards for induction as special assignment personnel.

Wanted!

Patients who are interested in photography to help on the ward movie programs afternoons. More movies could be shown to bed patients if movie projector operators and helpers were available. Volunteer now! Call Ext. 164 or come to Educational Services Office, top deck Marine Detachment.

Family Returns From Japanese Prison Camp



On May 6, 4-year-old Earl Dudley, Jr., and his parents, Sue Dudley and Earl C. Dudley, returned to the United States after three and one-half years in Japanese prison camps. Earl Jr. was eleven months old when the war started and both he and his mother were wounded during a Japanese air raid on December 8, 1941. Mr. Dudley has been a civilian employee of the U. S. Navy for 23 years and all three of them are now undergoing treatment and recuperating at this hospital. Mr. Dudley (minus the beard) and his family plan to leave for their home in Arlington, Va., in the near future.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Peace

Centuries ago David the Psalmist declared: "The Lord will give strength unto His people; The Lord will bless His people with peace."

In these hours following V-E Day, men overlook the fact that only Almighty God is The Author of Peace and Concord. Too often statesmen depend upon their guile and diplomacy to maintain the security of their country, too frequently proud nations believe that their military might can protect them from any foe—in the mad rush of modern civilization God is forgotten. History records the fact that one French monarch boasted: "L'Etat, c'est moi." Even our little children today can remember the cruel taunts of Hitler and Mussolini who did not hesitate to bathe the entire world in blood and whose power has been forever destroyed by the God of Peace. Tyrants, aggressors, dictators, since the dawn of history have come and gone. In spite of their infamous decrees, their slaughter of the innocent and weak, the splendor of their cities and the fabulous wealth of their kingdoms, these men are forgotten today. Almighty God, the Creator and Ruler of the universe still reigns. "The Heavens declare the Glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His Handiwork."

Let us reverently and sincerely pray that The Prince of Peace protect us by His Power and Might.

CHAPLAIN CHARLES DANA CHRISMAN.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.
Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 0900; Divine Services, 1030; Vespers, 1800.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.

Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Bag Room, Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.

L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, J. P. Corley.
Sunday Mass—0630 in Chapel; 0900 and 1100 in Auditorium;
Weekday Mass—0650 and 1640.
Confessions—Daily before Mass;
Saturdays at 1900; on the Thursday before each first Friday at 1900.
Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Carl Straus, Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.

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A bed patient prepares parachute straps for their vital function. As many as 10 of these are turned out in a single day.

Oak Knoll Patients Help To "Keep 'Em Flying"

More than three hundred Oak Knoll patients, as their part in the expanding Convalescent Training Program, are doing valuable salvage work for the Alameda Air Station.

Save Equipment

Both on the wards and in their work rooms which formerly housed Transportation they are doing many jobs that Alameda cannot find sufficient employees to handle. Literally thousands of dollars' worth of equipment which would otherwise have been abandoned has been salvaged and thousands of man-hours saved. Men confined to their beds do lighter work, some of them sewing hooks on parachute straps. The elastic straps are stretched in special frames and hooks sewn to one end, then allowed to contract, securing the hooks to the strap. Patients turn out as many as 500 of these straps a day for the air station's parachute section.

Process 105,000 Plugs

In their reconverted quarters, men able to leave the wards are doing other work, such as cleaning and sorting spark plugs for aircraft engines. They recently processed 105,000 plugs in a two-week period, with 100 men working on the assignment. Special electrical plugs with built-in fuses are repaired for use again. Patients removed the burned-out ones and install new ones. Other men clean and sort thousands of nuts and bolts used on planes while some disassemble and sort damaged radio and instrument control panels. Damaged ailerons are stripped and

prepared for re-covering, and many other types of work are tackled as the occasion arises.

Has Three Purposes

Three purposes are accomplished by this phase of convalescent training, functioning as a subdivision of Commander Hirshland's Rehabilitation Department—it speeds recovery of the patient by giving him an interest in life, it helps get him in better physical shape by being active, and last but not least, it gets vital work done for the war effort.

Returning to camp one evening, a two-star general couldn't produce his identification, and the rookie guard refused to let him pass. Exasperated, the general leaned forward, pointed to the stars on his shoulders and bellowed, "Do you know what these mean?"

"Sure," popped the rookie. "You got two sons in the service."



"If you don't quit this leaping into bed every night, I'm gonna take those War bonds out of the mattress and deposit them in a bank!"



At their work table, ambulatory patients remove burned-out fuses from special electrical plugs so that they may be used over again.

Corporation Seeks HC Technicians

The Phelps Dodge Corporation, United Verde Branch, a mining outfit, is seeking qualified technicians in the Hospital Corps for employment immediately in its hospitals. The firm offers permanent jobs "post-war security and salaries comparable to many of our nationwide institutions." Pre-discharge laboratory and X-ray technicians may write to Chief Surgeon and Medical Director, United Verde Hospital, Jerome, Ariz.

Navy Wound Chevrons Suggested in Congress

Authorization of wound and war service chevrons for Navy personnel was sought in a bill introduced in the House of Representatives by Mrs. Bolton. The bill asks a wound chevron for each wound requiring treatment by a medical officer, a gold war-service chevron for each six months service outside the continental limits and a sky-blue chevron for service of less than six months outside the continental limits.

New Conv. Hospital Opened at Palm Beach

A new 1,400-bed convalescent hospital has been established at Palm Beach, Fla., with SecNav approval last week of transfer of the facilities of the Biltmore Hotel to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. The hotel has been used by the Coast Guard as a training center for SPARS and will require little alteration for its new use. Included with the hotel is the famous Sun and Surf Club for recreation of patients and staff.

A girl's promise to be on time usually carries a lot of wait.

Scuttlebutt

Sad story of the week: **Chief Whitright** has fallen off the water wagon . . . again. . . .

Corpsman **King** of 76A was heard to spin some lovely yarns at Dunk's last Saturday evening . . . and in high society too. . . .

Hayes is an ardent disciple of **Love** but his caveman tactics in the pursuit of this high ideal are said to have put the fair recipient in sick bay. . . .

We understand that **Meadows** is quite the Aboloney fisherman. . . . It's an exhausting sport apparently and takes considerable recuperation. . . .

Cupid has been reported lurking around Unit A of Dental Clinic. . . .

Chow Line Chums: **Schaffer** and **Giering**, **Glenn** and **Dunn**, **Perlini** and **Gibbons**. . . .

Kown is X-ray's nomination for Blasé Romeo champ. . . .

Hardgraves and **Barleycorn** are said to have more in common than the same first name. . . .

Ma, prolific pride of Laboratory, is expecting again. . . . Paternal antecedents are somewhat hazy but Lab does wish that Ward 43A would keep **Mr. Tom Cat** at home.

Bill Kerr, of the shaven pate, has his pedal eccentricities as well. . . . He wears one white sock and one black Sock. . . . He claims he's got another pair just like them and he has to wear 'em out.

Have you heard about "Mother" **Ketter** on ward 70B? . . . and the lovely and appropriate gift he received from a winsome feminine admirer of his physical charms?

The fact that two petty officers in Barracks 35 go by the nickname of Stinky makes it rather confusing for their shipmates.

When **Robinson** buys **Gilbert** a chicken sandwich she takes her reward right on the spot . . . The other fellows are said to feel rather slighted about it.

Off the Bookshelf

The library is again in need of a man interested in taking care of the aquarium, which is at present in very good condition. There are a number of new fish—don't ask us their names—so that the aquarium is simply in need of maintenance. If this is your peacetime hobby, please come to see us. Speaking of fish, the new Gardner mystery, *The Case of the Golddigger's Purse*, centers about the health of some tropical fish.

New Novels

Arnold: *Tomorrow Will Sing*. (Wartime Italy is the setting; an Italian-American, the hero; by the author of *The Commandos*.)

Gilligan: *Voyage of the Golden Hind*. (Story of the Gloucester fishing fleet.)

Hamilton: *River Song*. (Life on an island in the Mississippi among carefree fishermen.)

Loos: *Return to the Vineyard*. (Story of the return of survivors to a Nazi-devastated village and the rebuilding of their vineyards.)

MacLennan: *Two Solitudes*. (A novel dealing with the conflict between English and French Canadians; a love story, too.)

Marsh: *Ask No Quarter*. (Colonial Newport at the end of the 17th century, when privateers flourished.)

Montgomery: *Thunderboats, Ho!* (Exciting story of the help a little group of PT boats gave to Marines holding a Guadalcanal beach-head.)

Raddall: *Roger Sudden*. (The story of a young aristocrat who went to Nova Scotia in the colonial period, when the French and British were rivals for territory.)

Taunay: *Inocencia*. (A famous novel of southern Brazil, with an eighteen-year-old heroine and a despotic father.)

Mysteries

Crane: *The Indigo Necklace*. (Another story about Lt. Pat Abbott of the Marines and his wife, Jean, this time in New Orleans.)

Disney: *The 17th Letter*. (A spy story, with blonde and beautiful Mary Strong as the detective.)

Paul: *I'll Hate Myself in the Morning and Summer in December*. (Two stories, one about a murder on a streamliner in Wyoming, the other a spy story with a setting in Chile.)

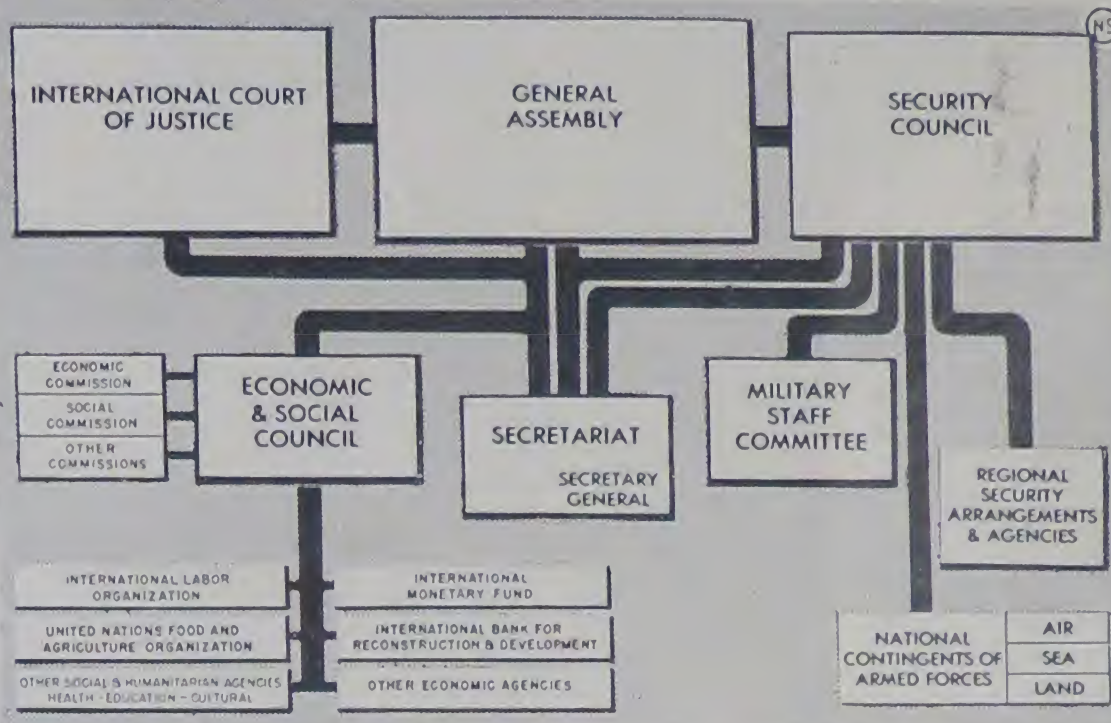
China—Red and Otherwise

Forman: *Report From Red China*. (A first-hand report on Communist China.)

Glock: *Double Ten: Captain O'Banion's Story of the Chinese Revolution*. (How a former U. S. Army Sergeant drilled American-Chinese Americans and smuggled Dr. Sun Yat-Sen into this country, at the time of the Revolution in October, 1911.)

Lattimore. *Solution in Asia*. (A discussion of American policy in China.)

Here's the Framework of Post-War Peace



This chart shows the framework for a World Security Organization as outlined in the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals—a series of recommendations agreed upon by representatives of the United States, Great Britain, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and China in October, 1944. On April 25, at San Francisco, representatives of more than 40 United Nations met to consider these proposals and to draft a charter for the World Security Organization. The proposals are not binding and may be amended by the delegates to the San Francisco Conference. The Proposals for Regional Security Arrangements and Agencies; National Contingents of Armed Forces and the 6 sub-divisions under the Economic and Social Council (as shown in the chart) were tentative and the matter was left in the hands of the delegates.

Musical Revue—

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Producer of the revue as well as romantic lead was Frank Montalbano, pleasant-voiced and a capable imitator. Martha Emerick was the feminine lead and Marjorie Josephson added high comedy as the Corps Wave who learned to dance a la Arthur Murray.

Roberta Silvester was the pretty and harrassed ward nurse with Nielsen, Heuschman, and Johnson enacting her three problem patients. In addition, Mel Nielsen was the capable master of ceremonies during the Ship's Service skit. Betty Jean Murphy was the gruff-voiced drill-master in a very funny between-the-acts skit in which she told off six huge Marines.

PhM1c Lillyan Reba, clad in a Nurse uniform, sang beautifully of "The Man I Love" and Barbara Pennington portrayed a stalwart physio therapist. Evelyn Hansen, familiar to all as a vocalist with the orchestra, gave out with a popular ballad of the day.

Huntington Writes Song

Substantially adding to the success of the revue were the swell musical arrangements of Les Huntington and his original tuneful melody, "Without a Memory."

Tiny Millett led the band expertly and provided the incidental piano accompaniment. S2c Foster Yerrington was the unsung hero behind the scenes as prop man, as well as the first act liberty hound.

Navy Tops Nurse Quota; Need Medical Officers

The drive to fill a Navy nurse quota of 11,500 nurses on active duty has been so successful that future applications will be turned over to the Army, according to an announcement by Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Surgeon General of the Navy. The medical department now has urgent need of 4,000 additional medical officers, he added.

A man is getting on in years when he pays more attention to the food than he does to the waitress.



Mr. Clarence Willard displays his amazing ability to grow six inches at the "Oak Knollzapoppin'" show.

More Facts About Out of Work Pay

In addition to the requirements for eligibility for readjustment allowances set forth in last week's article, other requirements are that the veteran must (1) reside in the United States; (2) be completely unemployed—or, if partially employed, at wages less than \$23 per week; (3) be registered with, and reporting to, a public employment office; and (4) be able to work and available for suitable work. The allowance will not be denied where failure to meet the requirements just enumerated is due to illness or disability which occurs after registration for work and claim for the allowance has been filed.

Misconduct Disqualifies

A veteran may be disqualified from receiving allowances with respect to one or more weeks for certain causes specified in the act such as (1) leaving suitable work voluntarily and without good cause or being suspended or discharged for misconduct; (2) without good cause, failing to apply for suitable work or to accept suitable work offered; (3) without good cause, failing to attend an available free training course; (4) participating in a strike or labor dispute causing a stoppage of work.

Self-Employed Eligible

A veteran who is self-employed for profit in an independent establishment, trade, business, profession, or other vocation, is eligible for readjustment allowances if his net earnings are less than \$100 for the previous calendar month, the amount of the allowance being the difference between his net earnings and \$100. The provisions relating to registration for employment, etc., and the disqualifications (referred to in the two paragraphs immediately preceding) do not apply to the self-employed. Allowances for the self-employed are first payable for the month of October 1944.

How and Where to File Claims for Readjustment Allowances

The veteran, if unemployed, should register for employment at the nearest public employment office and, after registration, file application and claim for readjustment allowance with the claims taker for the State unemployment compensation agency who will furnish the proper forms. The registration officer and the claims taker are frequently located in the same room and generally in the same building.

Veterans' claims for allowances for months of self-employment should also be filed at the State unemployment compensation agency, but such veterans will not be required to register for employment.

The veteran's discharge or separation papers must be presented at the time the first claim is filed.

Educational Services

Literary Fellowships Offered

During the next year and a half the 20th Century-Fox Film Corporation will award twenty-five or more literary fellowships to men and women in the armed services to those honorably discharged. To apply for one of these fellowships, a writer must submit an outline for a

novel or a play, along with at least one completed chapter or scene to indicate the quality of his writing.

Each fellowship winner will be awarded \$1,500, to be paid in twelve monthly installments of \$100 each, with two additional payments of \$150 each. This award will be considered an option against possible purchase of the completed work for motion picture production. In the event of such purchase, additional payment will be made.

Any student of an MCI course may submit an application manuscript to the Institute for criticism and constructive suggestions, prior to sending it to Fellowship Awards, 20th Century-Fox Film Corporation, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y. Contact Educational Services, top deck Marine Detachment, or call Ext. 164, for further information.

Special Interest Programs

The following programs will be conducted in Classroom "A", top deck Marine Detachment, 0900-1100, 22 May-25 May:

22 May—"The Art of Stage Production," lecture and discussion group. F. Montelbano, HA 1c (Welfare and Recreation).

23 May—"Post-War Agriculture," lecture and discussion group. Dr. Harry Wellman (Univ. of Calif.).

24 May—"Advertising," lecture and discussion. Mr. Charles W. Collier (Pacific Advtg. Assoc.).

25 May—"News Developments," movie: "South Chile." Lt. J. C. Payne (Educ. Services).

Miss Arbogast Feted at Farewell Party



Lt. Hortense E. Arbogast NNC, Chief Nurse in Surgery 2, was given a rousing send-off at the farewell party held in her honor on Monday, May 7. The leading contender for Purple Heart Queen honors, Miss Arbogast was presented with a briefcase by the staff in Surgery before leaving for duty aboard a newly-commissioned hospital ship. Assisting in the festivities above are shown corpsmen Joe Whitzon, Orville Green, and Bob Shippen.

In Your Opinion

"What's the best book you have read recently?"

Mathew Henry, S1c

"I recently read and liked very much *Strange Fruit*, by Lillian Smith. It is a piece of fiction based on fact and should be read by the country at large for a better understanding."

Lt. (jg) Norman R. Holzaepfel

"*Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, by Lawrence, is not a new book but I completed it just recently. It is an outstanding and philosophic book about his adventures in Arabia during the first world war."

Leo Plotkowski, F2c

"Being interested in machines, my reading is mostly technical. A very good book I have just read on the subject is *Machine Shop Work*, by John T. Shuman. It gives all the dope on machines, old and new."

Ens. Louisa Clark

"I'm reading Max Shulman's *Barefoot Boy With Cheek* and find it very funny, very sarcastic, and very good."

Victor J. Raineri, PhM2c

"I read *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* on the way to Iwo Jima and liked it very much. I've been pretty busy since then, so that is the last reading I've done except for a very good mystery, *Farewell, My Lovely*."

Berrel S. Hill, S1c

"I like the WPA Writer's Project Series about the various states. Right now I'm reading the one about Oregon. They are very complete and very fascinating."

NOTICE

Any information regarding Thomas A. Fowler, RM3c, formerly attached to the Armed Guard aboard the SS Peter Cooper Hewett, would be appreciated. Please contact the *Oak Leaf*.

Parade Rest

Gunnery Sgt. Sam Ferrantino, USMC

Battle-worn Marines were moving out of their front-line positions as replacements took over. When one grimy leatherneck climbed out of his foxhole, the clean-shaven youngster replacing him asked: "What outfit did you relieve when you came here?" The veteran Marine pondered, rubbed his stubbly chin and replied, "The Japanese Infantry."

Overheard at the Ships' Service Fountain: "Why don't you smile and try to be sociable like the other waitresses here?" "I don't get PAID for smiling and being sociable."

Lt. Max Miller, in his new book, "The Far Shore," tells of standing with a corporal in the midst of an almost obliterated Normandy village, when the corporal turned to him and said: "We sure liberated all hell out of this town."

Blockley the infallible: "I can't believe it, that's impossible, I couldn't have made a mistake like that, I've got BRAINS."

The following poem is dedicated to Stf. Sgt. Frances F. Jeffries, Marine Corps Women's Reserve, from the sympathetic member of this detachment:

A trim young lady, fair and neat,
With a sunny smile and tiny feet;
In shame this day, her face is red,
'Cause she locked her clothes in the P. M. head.

A game of tennis she wished to play,
At 'Olde Oake Knolle" on a sunny day;
She changed to slacks for fitting and trim,
And went out to play with "Wigor and Wim."

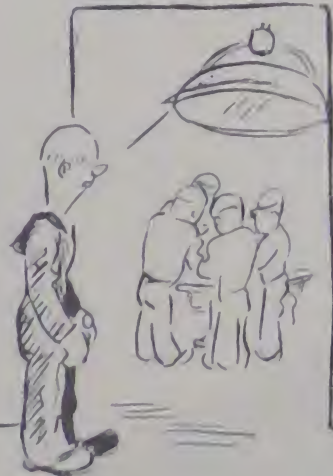
But her clothes might shock (if by male eyes spied),
So she locked the head . . . with the key inside!
So she'll finish the war in G. I. slacks,
'Cause an extra key is what the gal lacks.

She's cuter that way, the men all said,
Since she locked her clothes in the P. M. head!

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"THE SCHOLAR"



NCCS Brings Musical Show To Entertain Hospital



Left: The Hi-Steppers; right: Lorena in her Spanish dance.

Entertainment of a high calibre was on tap at the auditorium on Monday, May 7, when the National Catholic Community Services brought "Musical Varieties" to the compound. Girls, singing, dancing, and music were the fare offered, all backed up by the solid sending of the Fleet City Band from Shoemaker.

Hit of the show was Coastguardsman Leonard Marshall from Government Island whose rich baritone rendition of "Without a Song" and other ditties earned him numerous encores. Rosie and her guitar, in a barefoot hillbilly routine, was also a prime favorite.

Expert footwork was provided by Lorena in a Spanish dance and ballet-trained Marilyn in a Jungle Dance. The three Melo-Dettes vocalized pleasantly and the four Hi-Steppers filled in with eye-filling dancing routines.

Winding up the show was buxom Pat Evans with some appropriately delivered torch songs.

The National Catholic Community Services have brought several shows to Oak Knoll in the past year and all have been excellent and well received.

Propose Change NNMC To FDR Medical Center

Rep. Flood of Pennsylvania has entered a bill in the House of Representatives which proposed to change the name of the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Naval Medical Center.

High Bowlers of The Week

Men	
Single—Ferrari	264
Double—Ferrari	450
Triple—Ferrari	630
Women	
Single—Lt. (jg) I. Thompson	222
Double—M. Hocking	360
Triple—M. Hocking	536

GI's Must Procure Permission For Essential Jobs

Enlisted personnel in the Bay Area are contributing to victory in more ways than one.

So far, more than 25,000 men have secured war-essential jobs in the Bay Area through the G. I. Job Center Office on the first deck of the East Bay Terminal Building.

In peace time, enlisted personnel of the armed forces were prohibited from accepting civilian employment, but due to the acute shortage of labor in the San Francisco area, Rear Admiral Carleton H. Wright, commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, has authorized commanding officers to permit their men to accept civilian employment under certain conditions.

It is emphasized, however, that enlisted men in the status of patients here at the hospital are not permitted to accept employment.

Enlisted personnel who desire to increase their income through civilian employment must first request a work permit from their commanding officer. This permit must be dated, must state the hours during which a man may work and the hour after which he may not work, and must have an expiration date (not to exceed 30 days from date of issuance).

Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel at present may accept employment only in high octane gas refining ship scaling; forges and foundries; food harvesting; the processing of perishable foods, including the processing of fish, meat, fruit and vegetables; and transportation, including warehousing, stevedoring and longshoring.

People who drive with one hand are headed for the church aisle. Some will walk down it. Others will be carried.

The Sporting Scene

League Keglers Lose Ground

Hitherto leaders in the Eastern Bowling League of the 12th Naval District, Oak Knoll slumped to second place when they lost two out of three to Shoemaker Hospital at Camp Parks on Friday, May 11. It was an evening of miserable bowling with Haynie's mediocre 516 high for the squad. Perhaps this Friday and next Friday when our alleys play host to the league, the team can get back in the groove. Why not come out and do a bit of rooting?

Wave Bowlers Are Needed

John Dobris was seen going around tugging perplexedly at his thinning locks last week. It seems that he has trouble rounding up enough Wave bowlers to participate in match play against Oak Knoll's enemies in the ten-pin sport. Any Waves interested should contact Mr. Dobris at the Alleys. You can tell him by his curly locks and the cigar he usually wears.

Softball Diamond Now Ready

And speaking of Softball, Oak Knoll's superbly reconditioned diamond will be in shape for our first home game against Shoemaker Hospital on Friday, May 18. Why not come out and give our winners something to win for in addition to that little silver cup?

Softball Team Has 3-1 Record

The hospital's stalwarts continued to set a smart clip in Softball League play when they swamped neighboring San Lean-

dro, 8-1, on May 11. Parkinson, as usual, pitched and was a prime factor in squelching the Hilltoppers. Our team now boasts a 3-1 record in the league with previous wins over T. I. Dispensary and T. I. Hospital while losing the nod to Fleet Hospital 113.

Hardball Team Still Losing

Sad to relate, the compound's neophytes at the hardball sport continue in their losing ways, but when adequate practice facilities are finally available here and with a bit more support, they should be able to catch the consistently winning habits that characterize Oak Knoll teams.

Staff Bowling League

MSR and Personnel continued to rule the roosts in the Hospital's two staff bowling leagues. And by the way of answering all questions as to the identity of the Psychos, they are some of the compound's Doctors and any relation to the team name is entirely coincidental. Following are the league standings:

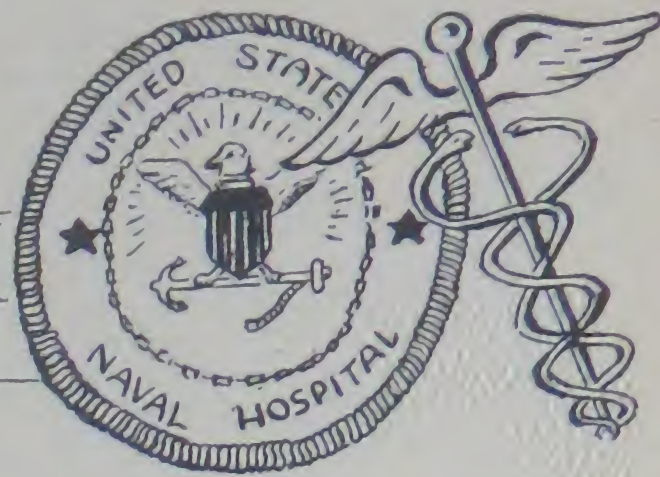
Blue		
MSR	10	2
Disbursing	7	5
W & R	6	6
Surgery	5	7
Dental	4	8
Physio	4	8
Red		
Personnel	9	3
A's	8	4
Psychos	7	5
Laundry	7	5
Lab	3	9
Ship's Service	2	10

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Vote Close As Purple Heart Contest Ends; Queen to Be Honored Monday, May 28

With the last ballot cast at 2100 on Friday, May 25, the successful *Oak Leaf* sponsored Purple Heart Queen Contest ended and all eyes turned to the All-Staff Dance to be held Monday evening, May 28, in the Auditorium.

Queen to Receive Gift

Amid the pageantry of Coronation Ceremonies, the identity of the Queen will be revealed and she will be crowned and presented with a gift. Also honored will be her four Maids of Honor, the runners-up in the hectic campaign.

Rhythm Doctors Play

For what promises to be the outstanding social event of the season, the ever-popular Rhythm Doctors will provide music, entertainers will be on hand, and compound notables among those present.

Conclusive evidence of the overwhelming success of the campaign to procure Oak Knoll blood for Oak Knoll patients is provided by the Blood Bank's records. In April, the first full month of the contest, 62 pints of blood were given as against 177 for March, and the total for May is expected to pass the 300 mark.

Limited to Staff

With the large attendance expected to tax the capacity of the Auditorium it is emphasized that the dance is limited to officer and enlisted staff personnel and their escorts or dates.

Sponsors of the Purple Heart Queen Contest were *The Oak Leaf*, the Blood Bank, and the Welfare and Recreation Department. The staff wishes to thank Capt. Dearing for his personal interest and these departments for their invaluable cooperation and aid in making the contest possible and in bringing it to a successful conclusion.

More Blood Needed

It is hoped that the publicity given the contest and the great need for blood will have the effect of keeping blood donations at a high level in the future. Call 235 for an appointment if you have not given in the last two months.

Miss Hayes Visits in Wards



Helen Hayes, star of "Harriet," chats with patient.

Helen Hayes and 'Charlie's Aunt' Visit Hospital

Helen Hayes, first lady of the American theatre and star of the current stage hit, "Harriet," visited Oak Knoll on Thursday, May 17. With her, she brought the members of the cast of "Harriet," who put on a hilarious 75-minute version of "Charlie's Aunt" in the auditorium.

Visits Wards

Miss Hayes, diminutive and charming, introduced the afternoon's show in the auditorium and then went on an extensive tour of the hospital's wards, visiting with the wounded veterans of the Pacific war. Her deep interest, alertness and graciousness were morale builders of the first order with all the patients she met.

Farce Gets Laughs

"Charlie's Aunt," an ancient and reliable farce, gained new life with the deft handling of the "Harriet" cast. John O'Connor, who plays Jerusha Pantry in the Hayes vehicle, was Lord Fancourt Babberly and the lank and incongruous "Charlie's Aunt." Robert Emhardt, Miss Hayes' professorial husband in "Harriet," played Mr. Spettigue in the same frock coat.

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All Types of Jobs In Civil Service

Are you interested in a Civil Service job? Your status as a veteran will give you certain advantages in this field, and Federal Employment will play an important role in the post-war world.

Miss Laura L. Spillers, Labor Board Representative of Civil Service, has recently been attached to the hospital and is in a position to aid prospective veterans to secure Federal employment. Working in connection with the Civil Readjustment Program, she has information on all types of employment in all parts of the country.

In addition to preference given you as a veteran, if you ever were in Civil Service before your time in the armed services is counted toward your next higher rating.

Formerly engaged in this work at Yosemite and Arrowhead, Miss Spillers may now be seen at the Civil Readjustment Office on the top deck of the Marine Detachment Building.

Hospital Corps to Get More Waves

The Hospital Corps will absorb fully 50 per cent of the recently announced quota for recruiting of 20,000 Waves into the Navy within the next ten months, Lt. Comdr. E. G. Dennis (HC) U.S.N., head of the Hospital Corps section, announced this week.

The expansion calls for 2,000 Wave recruits to enter recruit training at Hunter College, N. Y., each month for an eight-week indoctrination period. The number of Waves assigned to Hospital Corps School (WR) Bethesda, Md., will be stepped up to 500 trainees per month and another facility will be devoted to training 1,500 Hospital Corps Waves monthly after the recruiting program is under way.

It is expected that the basic Hospital Corps course will be reduced from the present 16 weeks to eight weeks. The accelerated program will increase to 23,000 the number of Waves in the Hospital Corps.

Weekend Attractions

Fri., May 25—1730

All's Well—Variety Stage Show, sponsored by USO Camp Shows, Inc.

Fri., May 25—1930

Flame of Barbary Coast—John Wayne and Ann Dvorak.

Sat., May 26—1700-1930

Pride of the Yankees—Gary Cooper and Theresa Wright.

Sun., May 27—1715-1930

Slightly Dangerous—Lana Turner and Robert Young.

Mon., May 28—1700

Patrick the Great—Donald O'Connor and Peggy Ryan.

Mon., May 28—2030

Purple Heart Queen Dance for all Staff Personnel.

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• Her Majesty, the Queen

Monday night, when our Commanding Officer crowns the "Queen of the Purple Heart," hundreds of officer and enlisted staff members will doubtless join in the applause. They will be glad for the popular Oak Knoll girl whose friends have contributed so much for her success. And, they will enjoy her reign during the evening of fun and dancing. But, is this all it will mean?

Two months ago, *Oak Leaf*, Blood Bank, and Welfare-Recreation staff members decided to sponsor the election of a Purple Heart Queen. She would be the girl in whose name was contributed the largest amount of blood, which, in turn, would be used for transfusions for Oak Knoll patients.

This contest has been a success. More than 550 pints have been given during the two months of the contest, as contrasted with 300 pints during the previous two months. The contest has served its purpose of informing Oak Knollers that they have a blood bank which will use their gifts to bring strength to their buddies at Oak Knoll.

When the music stops, and cameras flash, and an attractive young lady is crowned as Oak Knoll's Queen, let us remember that every day there are patients here who can be helped tremendously by a pint of your blood and mine. Our Queen shall surely stand as a symbol of the spirit of sacrifice known to wearers of the Purple Heart. Let us remember the Blood Bank in the days to come.

• A New World A-Coming?

An American newspaper correspondent has related his experiences in the Europe of 1937. He tells of his visit to Moscow, where the streets were filled with marching men and women. They were singing, triumphantly, a song which he could not understand. He asked, even begged, a bystander to interpret the words. He finally received this reply: "They sing of a new Russia, and a new world where all might enjoy life."

From Moscow the reporter went to Berlin. There he heard Hitler addressing a mass assembly of Hitler Youth, the organized young men of Germany. It was fiery oratory. It was passionate and eloquent. But the American newspaperman thought that Hitler was using poor psychology. Surely, these young men were not interested in hearing of the misery and death they must suffer in fighting the cause of their fatherland. They would prefer to hear about the wealth, the power, and the glories that would be theirs with victory. Instead, the Fuehrer promised them nothing but the agonies of death and the heartaches of broken homes. The reporter felt sure that the speech had missed its mark. When the address ended, there was perfect stillness, the most eloquent silence the American had ever heard. Then, like a shot in the night, a wild hilarity rent the air.

It was news. German youth were willing to bear any suffering to build a new Germany, a new world. The news correspondent sent his story home to New York, then thought of the youth of his own native land. Would American youth want to suffer, to pay the price to build a new world. What were the young men and women of America doing? Were they only interested in maintaining the status quo in a very imperfect world? Or would they build and rebuild, as sacrificially, as triumphantly, as they had destroyed?

Educational Services

Did You Ever See Grass Grow So Fast?

In nothing flat the new Bldg. 102—which will soon be graced with a Pre-Vocational Training name-plate—has been put into operation. Inside, also, activities have blossomed. Electrical repair, radio construction and radio repair classes are going full tilt, morning and afternoon. The mechanical drawing and blueprint reading laboratories boast equipment which provides for projects ranging from introduction elements to independent plans on the college level.



Announcement will be made shortly of the opening of the woodshop where simple wood construction, home carpentry and the elements of cabinet making may be learned. For further information call Ext. 164 or come to the Educational Services Office, top-

Tick Tock

The Mouse ran up the clock
And stayed there because
We couldn't find anyone to get
him out.
If you know watchmaking or
watch repair
Volunteer now to teach aspiring
patients!
Call Ext. 164 or come to Educa-
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side the Marine Detachment Building.

Special Interest Programs

The following programs will be conducted in Room 201A top deck Marine Detachment, 0900-1100, 28 May through 1 June.

28 May—"Financing a Home"—A. A. Daum, CSP (A) (Staff), lecture and discussion.

29 May—"Round Table Discussion"—Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Serv.) "What shall be done with war criminals?" With supplementary film.

30 May—"Opportunities in Advertising," Round Table Discussion—Mr. T. J. Aberouette (Advtg. Dir. *Post-Enquirer*.)

31 May—"Journalism"—T. Fensterstad (Managing Editor, *Oak Leaf*). Lecture and discussion.

1 June—"Navigation as a Hobby"—Lt. H. S. Moredock, U.S.N. (Ward 40B). Lecture and discussion with supplementary film.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

An Effective Worship Experience

If we knew that Jesus Christ would enter this hospital today, how would we feel? His strength would show us how very weak we really are. His love and mercy would reveal how proud and unkind we are. His sterling honesty, sincerity, and courage to stand up for righteousness against all the world would demonstrate how perverse and cowardly we are. We can know how untrue a person is only if we know what a true person is like. We can know that each of us is not God, that self-centeredness is not enough, if we know God.

The God-centered person does not feel the necessity for being self-centered. He adores and worships Christ and all that He represents. He kneels humbly before God and sees himself as the sinner that he is. He cries aloud, "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner."

This effective prayer life is the essence of all true religion. If we know how to pray we know how to be religious. Those who pray are not the weakest of men, but the strongest. The best doctors know their limitations. They bend their knees to the facts of nature and let nature lead them into mastery through obedience.

We might attain self-confidence by comparing ourselves with others. But, true humility and honest understanding come only to those who yield themselves to God's judgment, and know themselves for the sinners that they are.

The Christian faith is a matter of surrender and trust. The pouring out of the Christ spirit comes to those who recognize the need for Christ and adore Him. Then, gradually, this adoration controls them.

CHAPLAIN HOWARD S. PITTS.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplain—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.
Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 0900; Divine Services, 1030; Vespers, 1800.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.
Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Bag Room, Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplain—L. A. Kelly, J. P. Corley.
Sunday Mass—0630 in Chapel; 0900 and 1100 in Auditorium.
Weekday Mass—0650 and 1640.
Confessions—Daily before Mass; Saturdays at 1900; on the Thursday before each first Friday at 1900.
Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0900 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.

Saturday, 26 May, 1945

Hayes Cast Gives New Life to Veteran Farce of Gay Nineties



Left: Miss Helen Hayes is welcomed by Capt. Dearing (right) and Lt. Carey (center). With them, she views a map of the compound. Center: A tense moment in "Charlie's Aunt," with most of the cast present. Right: The feminine members of the cast pose for a very pretty picture.

Helen Hayes—

(Continued from page one)

Features Pretty Girls

Equally prominent in the cast and very much appreciated were three very pretty girls, all of whom normally portray Helen Hayes' daughters when she is being Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Presented under the auspices of the Armed Forces Entertainment Committee, these performers have been doing "Charlie's Aunt" at various military stations in the area on the days when they do not have a matinee.

Artist Hamilton Wolf Does Portraits of Patients

Thanks to the U.S.O.-Camp Shows, Inc., Oak Knoll has enjoyed the privilege of having Mr. Hamilton Wolf, well-known artist, here this week to draw portraits of the men on wards 49A-B, 76A-B, 61A, 70A, 74A-B, 43A, 51A, 72A and 75B.

Mr. Wolf has been making six or more finished portraits a day—a real day's work in concentration and application of skill. Budding artists among those who have

been watching Mr. Wolf draw have picked up many technical pointers and only wish that it were as easy to do as it seems. Those patients who posed for portraits will receive the original sketch, a photostatic copy and the negative. Thus they can have as many copies made later from the negative as they wish.

The models will be interested to know that they have had their faces sketched by an artist whose oil paintings have appeared in many of the major contemporary American art exhibits in this country and who has won the coveted Ann Berner Memorial Prize at the San Francisco Annual Show of oil paintings. His beautiful painting, "Maritime," now showing in the exhibition at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco, is well worth a special trip to see.

Besides his own creative work done in his Oakland studio, Mr. Wolf has found time to teach and lecture for many years in the University of California Extension Division, at the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland, at the Academy of Advertising Art in San Francisco, and at all of the San Francisco museums. He has also given generously of his time at Letterman Hospital, at the University of California Hospital, and at many of the Bay Area military hospitals. He will spend next week at Treasure Island Naval Hospital.

We hope that, after his present U.S.O. responsibilities are completed, Mr. Wolf will honor us again with his company and his artistry.

PhMlc: I can't understand it. Every time I bend my elbow my mouth flies open.

Off the Bookshelf

We are pleased to report that the library has two new book trucks—very substantial and gleaming with fresh aluminum paint. The others have traveled several hundred miles, possibly thousands—since they are not equipped with any means of recording mileage, we can't be sure. Anyhow, we now have six useable carts, which visit all wards where there are bed patients twice a week. Each cart will accommodate 75 books, plus special requests and magazines, the latter being kept on the two rear shelves.

The library has books on a great many sports and games, but would be glad to add others at your request. We now have books on the following sports:

Baseball, by Jesse.

Basketball, by the Training Division, Aviation Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Boxing, by the Training Division, Aviation Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

The Art of Social Dancing, by Hostetler.

Fencing, by Vince.

Gymnastics and Tumbling, by Aviation Training Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Fundamental Handball, by Phillips.

Jiu Jitsu, by Lowell.

Judo, by Kuwashima.

Roller Skating, by Martin.

Roping, by Mason.

Learning to Sail, by Calahan.

Soccer, by Aviation Training Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Swimming, by R. J. H. Kiphuth.

Swimming and Diving, by the American Red Cross.

Table Tennis, by Purves.

Tennis as a Hobby, by Cummings.

How to Play Better Tennis, by Vines.

Wrestling, by the Training Division, Aviation Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

LEAVE US NOT
GET CAUGHT
WITH OUR PANTS
DOWN FELLAS!



Woodcock

The above incentive for increased bond purchases is the work of Bob Woodcock, staff cartoonist for "Hospital Hi-Lites," Alca Heights, T. H.

World War II— A Chronology

The long and arduous road the World has traversed since the opening phases of the present global conflict is emphasized by the Chronology presented below. Almost 15 years have passed since the Japanese made the first of a series of overt lawless moves, later joined by Germany and Italy, that were to result in World War II.

- 1931. Using a border incident as an excuse, on September 18 Japan begins her conquest of Manchuria and the long conflict with China.
- 1935. Italy invades Ethiopia. Germany openly rearms.
- 1936. Germany reoccupies Rhineland March 7. Rome-Berlin Axis announced October 24. Axis aids Dictator Franco in Spain.
- 1938. Germany takes Austria March 11. Czechoslovakia partitioned by Munich appeasement conference September 29.
- 1939. Italy conquers Albania April 7. Germany signs ten-year non-aggression pact with Russia August 7. Poland invaded September 9. England and France declare war on Axis September 11. Poland fell October 5.
- 1940. Neutral Norway and Denmark invaded April 9. Neutral Holland and Belgium attacked May 10. Holland surrenders May 10, Belgium May 28, France June 16. Germany loses battle for Britain in the air August and September. September 6 Germany invades Balkans, Yugoslavia surrenders April 18, Greece April 23.
- 1941. Germany attacks Russia June 22. United States declares war on Axis December 7.
- 1942. Americans land in Morocco and Algeria November 7.
- 1943. German army surrenders at Stalingrad February 2. Germans and Italians surrender in North Africa May 13. June 1 De Gaulle leads French Committee of National Liberation. Sicily invaded July 9, falls August 7. Italy invaded September 3 and Armistice declared same day.
- 1944. Normandy invaded June 6. Paris falls August 26. August 15th invasion of S. France.
- 1945. Russian offensive from Baltic to Balkans begins January 15. Hungary surrenders January 20. Americans cross Rhine March 9. Russians capture Vienna April 17. Americans and Russians meet on Elbe April 15. Mussolini killed April 26. Hitler died May 1. Berlin falls and axis army in Northern Italy surrenders May 2. V-E Day May 6.

Physical Training Plays Important Part In the Rehabilitation of Patients



For ambulatory patients with slight limitations stretching exercises are stressed in calisthenics. The group shown above from S.O.Q. is under the direction of J. A. Riley CSp(A). Lt. (jg) Adams is the supervising officer of the Officer Wards.



Bed patients are given limited exercise to parts of the body that have no relationship to the injured areas with the object of decreasing atrophy and stimulating muscle tone. Above are shown Dr. George Stafford, technical advisor from BuMed and CSp(A) W. Raupp with marine patient Lt. Raymond McFall.

In the enlarged and reorganized Rehabilitation Department, the Physical Training Division now plays an important part. Instituted by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in April, 1944, to maintain general physical fitness of hospital patients during convalescence, it plays an increasingly vital role at Oak Knoll.

In order to facilitate assignment of patients to physical training and to guide physical training personnel in their work, all patients are classified by ward medical officers as to their ability to undertake one of the four degrees of physical activity.

Patients are put in one of the four classifications as explained below:

I. All patients who are not limited in their physical activity or physical disability. Men waiting to go back to duty or to return to civilian life.

II. Ambulatory patients with slight limitations.

III. Ambulatory patients with marked limitations of physical activity and confined to the ward. These men will be given mild calisthenics so as to retain a state of muscle tone. (The injured areas or operative fields will not be exercised unless specifically prescribed by the attending medical officer.)

IV. Bed patients — men who will be given markedly restricted calisthenics to exercise the parts of the body that bear no relationship to the injured areas. The object is to decrease atrophy and to stimulate muscle tone in the unaffected muscle groups.

In charge of the over-all Rehabilitation Program here is Commander H. Hirshland. Supervising the work of the Physical Training Division is Lt. H. E. Rock with a staff of seven Officers and 56 Specialists (A). These specialists have been carefully selected because of their civilian education and experience in physical education and were given special instruction in the Naval Rehabilitation Physical Training School, Sampson, N. Y.

Demobilization Division Organized by Bupers

The Secretary of the Navy last week announced establishment of a Demobilization Division, Office of Planning and Control, Bureau of Naval Personnel. The new division was designated "coordinating agency within the Navy for all matters pertaining to the demobilization program for naval personnel and as liaison organization with the War Department, the Red Cross, the various veterans' organizations and interested agencies of the Federal Government."

Our girl friend says she thinks the war must be about over—her boss talked back to her.

Why Is It Called a Chit? Here Is the Answer

Ever wonder why they call it a "chit?"

Well, it seems that Hindu traders used to use slips of paper called "chitti" for money so they wouldn't have to carry heavy bags of gold and silver. The name has been shortened and adopted by the American and British Navies so that today a "chit" is any piece of paper from a pass to an official letter.

A dissatisfied wife puts it this way: "I gave up the attentions of several men for the inattention of one."

Fellowships Announced In Physical Medicine

A limited number of fellowships in physical medicine, carrying an annual stipend of \$2,500 for single and \$3,000 for married men, was announced recently by the Baruch Committee on Physical Medicine, 597 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y. Applicants must have an MD degree from an approved medical school and a minimum of one year internship in an approved hospital.

Blonde: Now that we're engaged, you're going to give me a ring, aren't you? Sailor: Sure; what's your phone number?

Shrine Circus Brings Big Top Atmosphere to Oak Knoll



Top, left to right: The Sidneys in their bicycle act; Joe, the Chimpanzee, threads a needle; The Saxons do some balancing; Don Carlos does some fancy lariat twirling. Below: Some clown magic with laughs thrown in; performers visit with front row patients; Sunny Moore's dogs do their stuff.

Perfect weather and a packed amphitheatre were on hand Tuesday, May 15, for the Shrine Circus when it brought to the compound all the color and thrills of the big top. Sponsored by the Aahmes trainers and featuring acts of the Black Bros. Circus, the show was very well received.

Bicyclists Have Accident

The circus opened appropriately with the inept maneuvers of clowns, especially those of rotund Gene Rondo in the garb of a Key-one cop. The Three Sidneys did improbable things on their bicy-

cles in the inadequate space provided by the stage. Due to this factor, the act ended with an unrehearsed tumble and a dislocated elbow for Irma Sidney.

Chester "Bobo" Barnett followed with his clowning, aided by three talented dogs, one of whom could balance himself on one foreleg—which is more than you or I could do. The two Saxons came next, balancing on balls, rollers, and sundry piled-up bric-a-brac.

Stars Chimpanzee

Clown Ed Raymond did magic and Don Carlos, "Mexico's Fore-

most Cowboy," twirled an agile lariat after which Joe, the Hollywood Chimpanzee, took over. Joe is a veteran of many jungle movies and with the aid of stooge Rueben Castang, did the following things: threaded a needle, tied a knot, played a piano and rode a bicycle.

Clown Band Plays

Master of Ceremonies Jack Kline sang a vigorous "St. Louis Blues" and the Clown Band got something faintly akin to music from their instruments and a great deal of laughter from the audience.

Moore's Dogs Applauded

Sunny Moore's Dogs were the last act in the show and the best. Not only adept performers but also hilarious comedians were these canines with their seemingly spontaneous maneuvers.

Censor: An expert at cutting remarks.

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Men are peculiar, just as women have long suspected. For instance, a fellow who hadn't kissed his wife in five years, shot a fellow who did.



The Sporting Scene

Softballers Trounce Shoemaker 4-2

Behind the steady pitching of Rosenberger, a marine newcomer on the squad, and aided by two sensational catches by Petri, Oak Knoll's Softball team edged out Shoemaker here 4 to 2 on Friday, May 18. With Concannon, O'Brien, and Gammell supplying the punch, the Knoll men overcame the early Shoemaker lead to go on and win handily. Mr. Van Hoorebeck, Staff Personnel Officer, turned in a very competent job as umpire of the fracas.

Winning this game put our team in a tie for first place with Fleet Hospital 113 in the District League. It should be quite a game when these two squads tangle for what might easily be the decisive game of the campaign. Captain of the 113 group is Fred Mason, who was formerly one of the big guns on the Oak Knoll team.

In a practice game featured by tight pitching and sharp fielding, Oak Knoll's Softball team edged out the Phoenix Co. of Oakland, 1-0, on Monday, May 21. The single tally was fabricated when Concannon singled, went to third on an error, and scored on Elliot's one-bagger. Parkinson was the pitcher.

Entered in the Oakland Summer Softball League for the first time this season, the Softballers won their first league contest when they trounced Statistical Cont. Sqn., 8-2, on Tuesday, May 22. Trailing, 2-0, going into the last inning, Oak Knoll rallied to push eight runs across the plate. High point of the inning was Parkinson's pinch-hitting triple with the bags loaded. Rosenberger pitched good ball to chalk up his second victory of the season.

Waves Lose to Marchand 8-0

"Tex" Ware held the Marchand Company girls to three hits on May 15 but the Waves ended up on the short end of an 8-0 score. The discrepancy, naturally, was due to a comedy of errors with the fielding at times approaching gruesome aspects.

Nurses Triumph in Extra-Inning Game

Oak Knoll's Nurses fared somewhat better than their Wave sisters when they outlasted Shoemaker's Angels of Mercy 9-6 in an extra inning Softball game on Friday, May 18. In the first of the eighth after Welch had struck out, Ward singled, Kinsella singled, and Pekarek put the game on ice with a home run. Lt. (jg) Brown was the pitcher and Ens. Warner the catcher in this game played at Shoemaker.

Women Softballers Start Play

Also featuring Wednesday, May 30, is the opening of the new Women's Compound Softball League with the Nurses meeting the Port Waves. Teams entered in this league and their captains are as follows: Port Waves, Marge Emerick; Nurses, Lt. (jg) Brown; Cadet Nurses, Cadet Alfonsi; Office Civilians, Mrs. Leeveria. Those interested in playing on the Red Cross team which is being organized for entry in this league, should see Miss Thompson. There will be awards for the winning team at the end of a triple round robin.

NSD Women Win Over Hospital

Featuring some extravagantly mediocre bowling, the hospital's feminine bowlers lost to the Oakland Naval Supply Depot on Wednesday, May 16. The final score was 1831 to 1799 and Helen Snyder was high for Oak Knoll with a three game total of 400. The other members of the local squad were Lt. (jg) I. Thompson, Barbara Pennington, Della Hull, and Myrtle Clark.

On Wednesday, May 30, both the Nurse and Wave bowling squads will see action, the Nurses tangling with Fleet Hospital 113 and the Waves taking on a San Francisco team. Get out and give these girls some support!

Staff Bowling League

Winning three straight last week MSR lengthened its lead in the Blue Staff Bowling League, while in the Red League the A's also won three straight to take over the lead from Personnel. Following are the league standings:

Blue		
	W.	L.
MSR	13	2
W & R	9	6
Disbursing	7	8
Dental	6	9
Surgery	5	10
Physio	5	10
Red		
A's	11	4
Personnel	9	6
Laundry	9	6
Psychos	8	7
Ship's Service	5	10
Laboratory	3	12

High Bowlers of The Week

Men	
Single—Winters	212
Triple—Winters	535
Women	
Single—Lt. (jg) I. Thompson	187
Double—Lt. (jg) I. Thompson	330
Triple—Lt. (jg) I. Thompson	496

Scuttlebutt

Lawnick sure gets around . . . He transferred his affections from Texas to Virginia, all in a single week . . . He lost some of his faith in femininity, however, when **Martha Benson** failed to keep her promise after making first class. . .

Who is this **Mr. X** we hear so much about, Nan? . . .

Dominelli, formerly a philanthropist with a great deal of interest in Public Works, is now said to be bending his talents to alleviating the man shortage among civilians. . .

Lab isn't talking much about their recent party but we understand four of them were seen delivering papers at 0600 in Oakland. . .

Goatees are now being cultured by the following compound Pasteurs: **Welch, Tripp and Turner**. . . **Ehlman** and **Burton** would like to join the group, but nature just won't let 'em. . .

Flash Morgan in X-ray is said to be teaching the boys some of the finer points of technique. . .

Wedding Belles . . . **Helen Weigel** has snagged herself a diamond and a Seabee CM3c . . . **Cynthia Church** of Disbursing has an order in for **John Olekszul**, SKD1c, a former Oak Knoller, now at T. I. . . **Mickey Finn** and a Chief (wouldn't you know?), **Ted Tavis** by name. . .

District Keglers Trail

Losing two out of three to T. I. Hospital in league play last Friday night, Oak Knoll's entry in the Eastern Division of the 12th Naval District Bowling League clung to second place. The hospital is host to the league again this Friday, May 25.

MOIPHY . . .



In Your Opinion

"What kind of work would you like to get into after the war?"

Louis Brianza, SC3c

"I've been a baker for 14 years but I don't think I'll go back to it after the war because it's just too much work. I'd like some sort of mechanical job."

Hud Mead, PhM3c

"I took my degree in geology and before entering the service I worked for the U. S. Geological Survey and may go back with them for a while after the war. However, I would eventually like to get into Oil Geology, working for some private concern."

Arthur Jutras, AMM3c

"Right now I'd like about two acres of ground, some chickens, and a hammock. But, like most of them, I suppose I'll end up doing the same things I did before—either lithography or a civil service job."

Robert E. Anderson, Sgt.

"I'd like to be a rural mail carrier and that's what I'm working for right now. I'm not going to end up with full use of my wounded arm but I think I could handle that job and it's not a bad life."

Joseph R. Martinez S1c

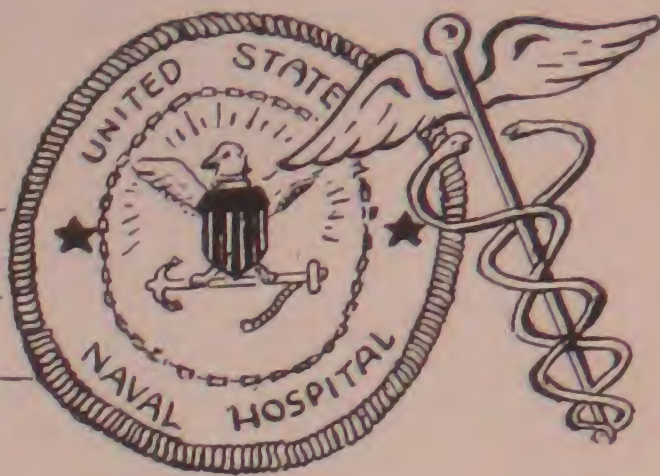
"Before the war I was a railroad man and before that an auto mechanic. I want to be an electrician and I'm studying it right here in the hospital. I'll sure take advantage of the GI Bill to get in another year of study after I get out of the Navy."

NOTICE

Any Marine who was in the 3rd Division, 9th Regiment, 2nd Battalion and knew Lt. Don Mueller is asked to contact Howard T. Robson on Ward 74A.

By Penberthy

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Saturday, 2 June, 1945

Lt. Stockhausen Purple Heart Queen Popular Nurse Receives Crown at All-Staff Dance

Lt. Eleanor Stockhausen, NNC, is Oak Knoll's chosen Queen of the Purple Hearts. In a colorful Coronation Ceremony, held at the gala All-Staff Dance on Monday evening, May 28th, Capt. Dearing placed the Crown upon her head and proclaimed her Queen.

Dance Successful

It was a dance successful beyond all expectations and an appropriate culmination to the equally successful drive that had brought over 500 pints of blood for Oak Knoll patients. In the beautifully decorated auditorium, and with the popular Rhythm Doctors furnishing the music, the hospital family, both commissioned and enlisted, gathered for an enjoyable evening of jive, pageantry, and refreshments.

Gifts Presented

Roberta Silvester, second in the race, was also honored, and both she and Miss Stockhausen received beautiful gifts as tokens of the hospital's appreciation. And at the termination of the ceremony, Miss Stockhausen and her four maids of honor—Roberta Silvester, Doris Ott, Ida Mae Schneider, and Lt. (jg) Lois Simons, were presented with beautiful bouquets of roses. Unfortunately, Ida Mae Schneider was in sick bay, so she was presented with her bouquet on the ward.

At 2200 Chaplain Pitts, editor of *The Oak Leaf*, opened the ceremony with a word of appreciation, after which he introduced Mr. Carey, Welfare and Recreation Officer, Chief Paige of the Blood Bank, and the managing editor of *The Oak Leaf*, all of whom spoke briefly. They represented the three organizations which sponsored both the Purple Heart contest and the All-Staff Dance.

Capt. Dearing Officiates

The queen and her court were then introduced, and Capt. Dearing officiated at the crowning and made the presentation of the gifts

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She Is Oak Knoll's Queen



Lt. Eleanor Stockhausen

Navy Mothers Increase Bandages for Hospital

Oakland Navy Mothers' Club No. 13, in an effort to supplement the work done by groups meeting in the hospital, have started bandage making at Bluejackets' Haven, 2703 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, Calif.

One group meets on Monday evenings, under the direction of Mrs. Clara Hazen, and another on Tuesdays, from 10 a. m. until 3 p. m., under direction of Mrs. Jessie Teagarden.

These local groups afford many mothers the opportunity to help in this vital service—many who were unable to make the long trek to the U. S. Naval Hospital.

Weekend Attractions

Fri., June 1—1700-1930

Valley of Decision with Greer Garson and Gregory Peck.

Sat., June 2—1700-1930

The More the Merrier with Jean Arthur and Joel McCrea.

Sun., June 3—1730-1930

Rogue's Gallery with Frank Jenks and Robin Raymond.

Mon., June 4—1715-1930

Son of Lassie with Peter Lawford and Elsa Lancaster.

Officers Wives Will Meet on June 6

The Naval Officers' Wives Club of the East Bay area will hold its monthly luncheon on Wednesday, June 6th, at 12:00 noon in the Bamboo Room at the Claremont Hotel, Berkeley.

All the wives of the officers of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, both regular and reserve, are cordially invited to attend these affairs.

The annual election of officers will be held at this time.

Hostesses for the day will be Mrs. George Hargreaves and Mrs. Jack Baines.

Reservations for the luncheon should be made with Mrs. Hargreaves at Ashberry 5192 or at the Officers' Center, TWinoaks 0154, and must be made by noon Tuesday, June 5th.

Applications Invited For Language School

Applications from commissioned and enlisted personnel for instruction at the Naval School of Oriental Languages were invited by Bupers last week.

NOTICE

Pictures of the Queen of the Purple Hearts and her Maids of Honor taken at the All-Staff Dance will appear in the next issue.

Bishop Speaks Here Sunday



Bishop Thomas A. Connolly

The Most Reverend Thomas A. Connolly, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, will be an honored guest of the hospital on Sunday, June 3, when he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to twenty Oak Knollers in the Auditorium.

The group of twenty, consisting of Staff and Patient Personnel, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation following the 11 o'clock Mass. Bishop Connolly, who is the Military Delegate of the Catholic Diocese of the Army and Navy on the West Coast, will also celebrate the Mass and deliver the sermon.

Admiral and Mrs. Henry F. Bruns, Mayor John F. Slavich of Oakland, and Mrs. Frederick R. Hook, will act as sponsors for the group.

Music Appreciation to Be Held Twice Weekly

Great classical music will be featured in a Music Appreciation Period to be held in the Music Room on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours 1800-2100.

PhM3c W. B. Rogers will be in charge of these programs and all lovers of classical music are invited to attend.

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• A Two-Edged Weapon

The Navy's War Bond program is like a keen, double-bladed weapon: two-edged because it strikes at the enemy by furnishing the essential finances to create war material, while at the same time it cuts down postwar obstacles through accumulated bond savings.

Allotment and payroll purchases of bonds are basic elements of one's personal savings program. These should not be cancelled because of a temporary financial embarrassment, real or fancied. Discarding a carefully built up allotment or payroll savings program merely to have fleeting financial relief will prove a boomerang later when a real need arises—such as substantial purchases scheduled after the war.

After this war, when a large majority of both civilian and Naval personnel return to a normal peacetime life again, they will cross that threshold with money laid aside, soundly invested in bonds, and they will have learned to save systematically. In doing this they will have accomplished something for themselves and for their country what financial sages throughout history have attempted to instill in their fellow citizens.

Educational Services

Education Under the G. I. Bill

If you are planning to attend school under the G. I. Bill take note of the following pointers:

1. Be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

2. You must have served 90 days or more other than in a Navy College training program.

3. Start such education not later than two years after end of war.

4. Length of training is one year if you were over 25 at the time you entered service or up to four years, dependent upon your length of service.

5. Almost any accredited type of training Institution is acceptable to the Veterans' Administration.

6. Make application for benefits through the school which you plan to attend or through your local Veterans' representative.

7. The Veterans' Administration will pay up to \$500 tuition, books, laboratory, library, etc., expenses and \$50 a month subsistence (if you have no dependents), or \$75 a month subsistence (if you have dependents). The subsistence pay-



ment may be reduced if you attend on a part-time basis or receive compensation for work done as part of your training.

8. You may want to apply for school credit for what you have learned in the service—or a record of it to show your prospective employer.

9. For further information call Ext. 164 or come to Educational Services, topside Marine Detachment Building.

Special Interest Programs

The following programs will be presented in Room 201A, Educational Services, 0900-1100, 4 June to 8 June:

4 June—Presentation of Papashvily's "Anything Can Happen." Mrs. Ford Stidham. (American Red Cross.)

6 June—"Astronomy." Lecture and Discussion. Mr. J. Lindsey (Chabot Observatory).

7 June—"Spain's Role in the Peace." Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Serv.). Movie: "Barcelona to Valencia."

8 June—"Current Events." Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Serv.). "News Developments." Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Serv.). Movie: "Beautiful Switzerland."

Lost and Found

LOST—Maroon Parker 51 Pen engraved Max W. Crist. Please return to Staff Personnel Office. Reward.

LOST—Sheaffer Lifetime Pen. Please return to Miss T. R. Taylor on Ward 81A.

Our Purple Heart Winners Are the Athletic Type... and Pretty, Too!

LT. ELEANOR STOCKHAUSEN, brunette and charming, came to Oak Knoll on November 23, 1944, after eighteen months of duty overseas. Her warm personality, sparkling smile, and the mischievous gleam in her eyes, made her an immediate favorite on the compound. A Milwaukee girl, she entered the service in May, 1942, and saw her first duty at the San Diego Naval Hospital. Now working in the Chief Nurse's Office, her chief spare-time hobby is athletics and she is a mainstay of the Nurse Softball Team.

PhM2c ROBERTA SILVESTER, trim, blue-eyed, and brunette, came to Oak Knoll in July, 1943, after having entered the Navy on her twentieth birthday, May 27, 1943. A Portland, Ore., girl, petite and pretty Roberta works in Patient Personnel, where her sweet smile and cheerful disposition have made her a universal favorite. Athletics are her principal hobby.

SK3c DORIS OTT, tall, blue-eyed, and blonde, came to Oak Knoll on June 12, 1944, and went right to work in the Disbursing

Office. Her home is Los Angeles, Calif., and it was there that she entered the Navy in January, 1944. Popular and pretty Doris, like the other winners, is also the athletic type and goes in for dancing in a big way.

PhM3c IDA MAE SCHNEIDER, brunette, brown-eyed, and attractive Dental Technician, came to Oak Knoll in January, 1944, after having entered the Navy the previous November. Her home is Bourbonnais, Ill., and she is married to an ensign who is now stationed at Pearl Harbor. All sports and collecting postcards from all over the world are Ida Mae's chief hobbies.

LT. (Jg) LOIS SIMONS arrived at Oak Knoll on August 15, 1944, after going through OCS at Northampton and pitched right into the expanding Educational Services Program. Brunette, blue-eyed, and winsome, Miss Simons hails from Marshall, Minn., and holds an MS from Wellesley. She disclaims any particular hobbies except a general interest in all facets of life.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Pride

The most common peril to our personal life is pride. "Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall" is a warning from the writer of Proverbs. The danger lies in that it makes us willing to accept a false evaluation of ourselves. It is usually thought that the man who is a victim of his own pride has over-evaluated himself, but in a sense, this is not generally true. The fact is that the man has sold out too cheaply. He has set too small a price on his own person. He is willing usually to be satisfied with the praise and plaudits of other men. Experience teaches us that the praise of one's fellows may pass with the wind.

The great paradox of life is that it is humility that produces strength. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." The humble man can more easily keep his sense of balance and proportion, because he has been better able to evaluate himself. He has realized that his strength does not lie in himself, but in the way in which he relates himself to his God and to his fellow-men.

Christ, the humble servant of man, tried to show us that there were hidden potentialities in every man which if brought out would make a dynamic personality. He also taught us to realize that God had placed a greater value on man than he would ever be able to place upon himself.

CHAPLAIN HENRY M. LARSEN.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.
Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 0900; Divine Services, 1030; Vespers, 1800.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.
Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Bag Room, Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, J. P. Corley.
Sunday Mass—0630 in Chapel; 0900 and 1100 in Auditorium.
Weekday Mass—0645 and 1630.
Confessions—Daily before Mass; Saturdays at 1900; on the Thursday before each first Friday at 1900.
Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.

Saturday, 2 June, 1945

Off the Bookshelf

Whether or not you think so now, after the war, our South American neighbors are going to be important to you. One way to understand a country better is to study their language. The library has several good Spanish textbooks, some of which pay special attention to Spanish as spoken in Latin America. If the prospect of beginning language study on your own is somewhat alarming, the educational services department will gladly help you.

Two books in which South Americans speak for themselves are:

Fitts: *Anthology of Contemporary Latin-American Poetry*, and Archibegas: *The Green Continent: A Comprehensive View of Latin America by Its Leading Writers*.

When North American writers wish to suggest a setting in which romance and adventure are the atmosphere, they often choose South America. Some novels in the Library which have Latin American backgrounds are as follows:

Argentina

Blasco Ibanez: *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*.
De Sherbinin: *By Bread Alone*.
Duguid: *A Cloak of Monkey Fur*.
Scott: *Pampa Joe*.

Bolivia

Keyes: *Parts Unknown*.

Brazil

Baum: *The Weeping Wood*.
Divine: *Wine of Good Hope*.
Mason: *The Rio Casino Intrigue*.
Taunay: *Inocencia*.
White: *Look Away, Look Away*.

Chile

Teilhet: *Retreat From the Dolphin*.

Colombia

Conrad: *Nostromo*.

Peru

Alegria: *Broad and Alien Is the World*.
Maass: *Don Pedro and the Devil*.
Strabel: *Storm to the South*.
Wilder: *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*.

Uruguay

Hudson: *The Purple Land*.

Other South American Novels

Allis: *The Splendor Stays*.
Beals: *Dawn Over the Amazon*.
Buchan: *The Courts of the Morning*.
Davis: *Soldiers of Fortune*.
Farnol: *Winds of Chance*.
Finger: *A Dog at His Heel*.
Hilton: *Ill Wind*.
Hudson: *Green Mansions*.
Jennings: *Call the New World*.
Masfield: *Odtaa*.
Masfield: *Sard Harker*.

A boy and girl were out driving. They came to a quiet spot and the car stopped.

"Out of gas," the boy said.

The girl opened her purse and pulled out a flask.

"Wow!" exclaimed the boy.

"What is it?"

"Gasoline," replied the girl.

Information for Vets Is Offered

The opening of an information center at 14th and Broadway (in the City Hall Plaza, Oakland) is announced by the Veterans' Service Council. This office will observe regular daily hours and is under the supervision of Mr. Howard B. Riggs, director.

This centrally located office has been established as a civic enterprise to furnish returning service men and women information and counsel and to advise them as to their rights under existing veteran legislation. All veterans and their families may here receive help in solving their particular problems and in becoming readjusted to civilian life.

A select panel of persons especially well qualified to give vocational and personal counsel has been formed and is at the veteran's service.

The Veterans' Service Council is composed of representatives of all local agencies that are now dealing with returning veterans or that are equipped to offer assistance to them.

150 Begin Study In Rehabilitation

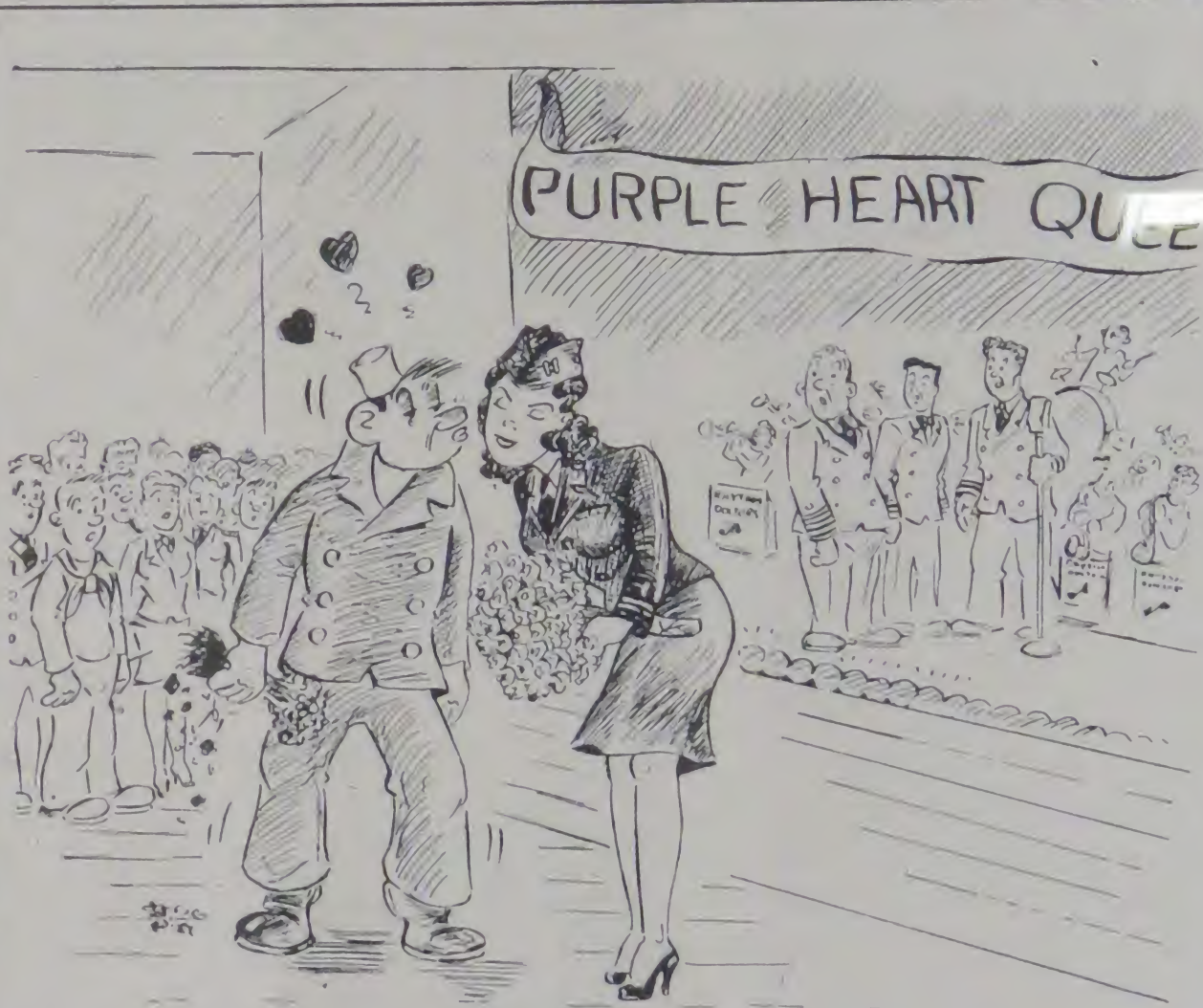
Approximately 150 enlisted personnel of the Hospital Corps began classes in rehabilitation techniques in a newly established school at Hunter College, New York, which has been designated the Hospital Corps Rehabilitation School.

Founding of the school sets a precedent for Hospital Corps courses in an agreement with Hunter College authorities granting college credits for successful completion of the courses, each of which will be of sixteen weeks' duration. First classes scheduled are in physical therapy, occupational therapy, teaching of the deaf and hard of hearing, blind, and orthopedically handicapped.

A complete story of the rehabilitation school appears in the June issue of the Hospital Corps QUARTERLY.

Ha2c: When I was a kid I was told if I made ugly faces, my face would stay that way.

Wave: Well, you can't say you weren't warned.



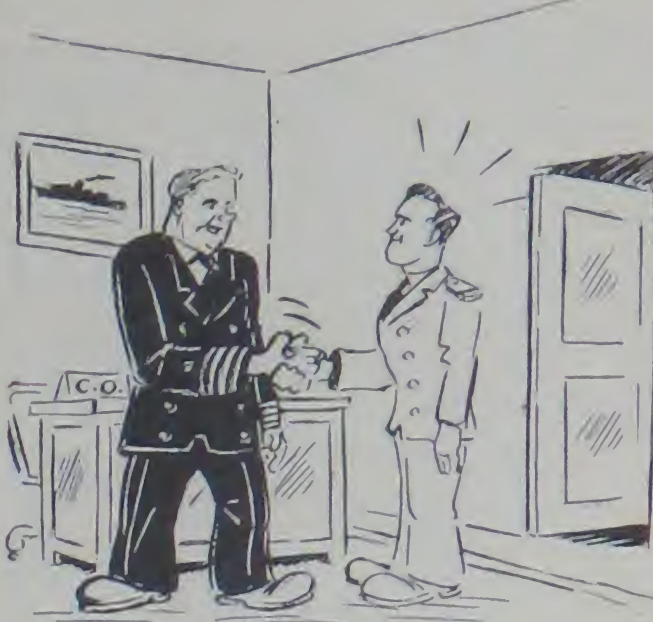
Purple Heart Queen Contest

FINAL STANDING

Lt. Eleanor M. Stockhausen, NNC	108
Roberta Silvester	62
Doris Ott	51
Ida Mae Schneider	49
Lt. (jg) Lois Simons	25
Margaret Finn	19
Ann Silva	17
Helen Kuziara	14
Virginia Lee	11

At the time Lt. Hortense E. Abrogast, NNC, left for duty aboard a hospital ship she had received 68 votes. Not listed above are the 17 candidates who received 10 or less votes. A total of 472 ballots were cast in the contest. Votes were not transferable.

Well Done!



The Medical Officer in Command extends a "Well Done" to Chief Pharmacist H. E. Van Hoorebeck, USNR, for the following commendation:

BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

17 May, 1945.

To: Chief Pharmacist H. E. Van Hoorebeck, USNR.

Via: Medical Officer in Command, U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland 14, Calif.

Subject: COMMENDATION.

Ref.: (a) HH48-1/A9-4 HEV:1er
Serial 65-1367 dated 2 May, 1945.

1. In recognition of your suggestion as contained in reference (a), of a change in the manner of reporting the date of occurrences on NavyMed Form NC-4, the effect of which would be a saving in the time required in typing this report, you are hereby commended for your professional interest as in keeping with the high tradition of the Hospital Corps of the Navy.

2. A copy of this letter will be incorporated with your official record in this Bureau and in the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

ROSS T. McINTIRE,
Vice Admiral (MC), USN.
Surgeon General, U. S. Navy.

New Service Added For Coast Guard

As an added service for Coast Guard patients, Ens. Ramona Blair of the Coast Guard District Civil Readjustment Office in San Francisco comes to the hospital on Tuesdays and Fridays between 0900 and 1630.

Coast Guard personnel are invited to contact her on all Coast Guard matters and personal problems other than medical. Ens. Blair and her assistant, S2c Helen Keane, have their office in the Administration Building Annex, Local 230.

"Now, son," cautioned the fond mother as her boy was starting off to join the Navy, "remember to be punctual in rising every morning so you won't keep the captain waiting breakfast for you."

Boxing Show Brings Thrills to Hospital Patients



A big Boxing Show, under the direction of Mike Gabbett and sponsored by the Service Athletic Fund of Northern California, was presented in the Bill Kyne Ring at the amphitheatre on Thursday, May 24. Added to a well-rounded boxing and wrestling bill were Doris Allen, singer, Tszgania, violinist, and Jester Calhoun, ventriloquist. Above: Two 90-pounders slug it out to the cheers of a packed audience and Jester Calhoun gets laughs with his ventriloquizing.

Here's the Set-Up For Care of Vets

The Veterans' Administration furnishes hospital treatment or domiciliary care, including medical treatment, to persons who had served in the armed forces of the United States and who are in need of such treatment or care.

Admissions to Veterans' Administration facilities are granted the following classes of applicants in the specified order of preference:

(1) Hospital treatment for (a) those who had served during the period of any war, who had been honorably discharged from their last period of such service, who are suffering with injuries or diseases incurred in or aggravated in line of duty in the active military or naval service; (b) retired officers and retired enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, including members of the Fleet Naval Reserve or Marine Corps Reserve on retainer pay, who had honorable service during a period of war, and are medically determined to need hospital treatment for disease or injury incurred in line of duty.

(2) Hospital treatment for (a) persons who were honorably discharged from the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, for disabilities incurred in line of duty, or are in receipt of pension for a service-connected disability, and who are suffering with injuries or diseases

which were incurred or aggravated in line of duty in the active service and are in need of hospital treatment for such injuries or diseases; and (b) retired Army personnel other than of the Regular Establishment, who had no war-time service, and who require hospitalization for treatment of a disability incurred in line of duty. Retired Army personnel of the class referred to under (2) (b) are eligible for admission only to Facilities under the direct and exclusive jurisdiction of the United States Veterans' Administration, upon condition that they agree to pay the per diem rate to cover subsistence, which is set by the Administrator of Veterans' affairs.

CLARENCE E. WILLARD.

Did you hear the one about the Texan who entered a saloon with his wife and three-year-old boy? He ordered two drinks. "Hey, Pa," said the youngster, "Ain't Ma drinking?"

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Jack: "There's a man who's reputed to have a good head on his shoulders."

Eric: "Yeah, and a different one every night."

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Wolf: "How about a date to-night, Sugar?"

Manicurist: "You'll have to ask my husband, he's shaving you."

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Chaplain: "Are you saving half of what you earn?"

HA2c: "No, sir, I don't get that much."

Radio Code Classes

Beginning Monday, June 4, 1945, Radio Code Classes will be started by the Educational Services Office.

These classes will be held in Building 102, Room 202.

Four classes will be held each day.

- (1) 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. International Morse Code Class for beginners.
- (2) 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. International Morse Code Class for advanced students (i.e.), those who already know the code and can receive at least six (6) words per minute, and wish to attain a higher degree of speed in receiving.
- (3) 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. International Morse Code Class for beginners.
- (4) 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. International Morse Code Class for advanced students who can receive at least six (6) words per minute.

Parade Rest

Gunnery Sgt. Sam Ferrantino, USMC.

Captain Hengesbach waded into the office on Wednesday, ordering the arrest and confinement of four members of the staff for being "Out of Uniform." While the men were confined, "Dummy" Deck Courts were made up . . . when all arrangements had been made, the men were released from confinement and returned to the office for trial. After an appropriate trial, the remainder of the staff were called to attention and the men were read off as follows: Corp. H. F. Gnos, Corp. R. Pena, Pfc. S. V. Berman, and Pfc. J. E. Mitcheom, having been tried and found guilty this date for "Being Out of Uniform" you are hereby sentenced to . . . be promoted to the next higher rank. . . .

EXPLANATION . . . the men had been promoted and didn't know it, therefore they were out of uniform by wearing the chevrons of their previous rank. Sgt. Gnos is quoted as having said, "This is probably the only place in the Marine Corps where a man is locked up . . . for being promoted."

Warrant Officer L. A. Lang was anxious to participate in the 7th (have you bought yours?) War Loan drive, so he bought his bond early . . . so early, that it was too early to be included on the station quota.

Honors befell Sgt. Gnos twice in one day. In addition to being promoted, he was appointed as "Honorary" member of the Marine Corps WOMEN'S Reserve for his ability in sewing on chevrons with a cross-stitch . . . some guys have all the luck!

Some people say that the younger generation do not have an eye for business. If this is true, why have the shoe shine boys who used to stand at the gate moved to a spot about 300 yards down the road?

IN TERMS OF TOMORROW

HE INVESTED REGULARLY IN WAR BONDS....



HE DIDN'T !!



aturday, 2 June, 1945

MC Commodore Honored by Navy

Commodore William W. Hargrave (MC) USN, Bumed Personnel Officer, last week was awarded the Legion of Merit for service as medical officer in command at SNH Pearl Harbor and USNH Ika Heights, T. I., between 17 August 1943 and 9 February 1945. The award was made, according to the citation "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services to the Government of the United States" during this period. "A counsellor and director of the understanding and broad vision, Commodore Hargrave exercised unfailing tact and wisdom in the administration of both hospitals and, applying his special knowledge with skill and judgment, created and maintained exceptionally high standards of professional service to the patients under his command. By his close personal supervision, his sympathetic concern and genuine interest in the individual welfare and morale of personnel, Commodore Hargrave inspired and encouraged the rapid rehabilitation of patients essential to the successful prosecution of the war against Japan."

Purple Heart—

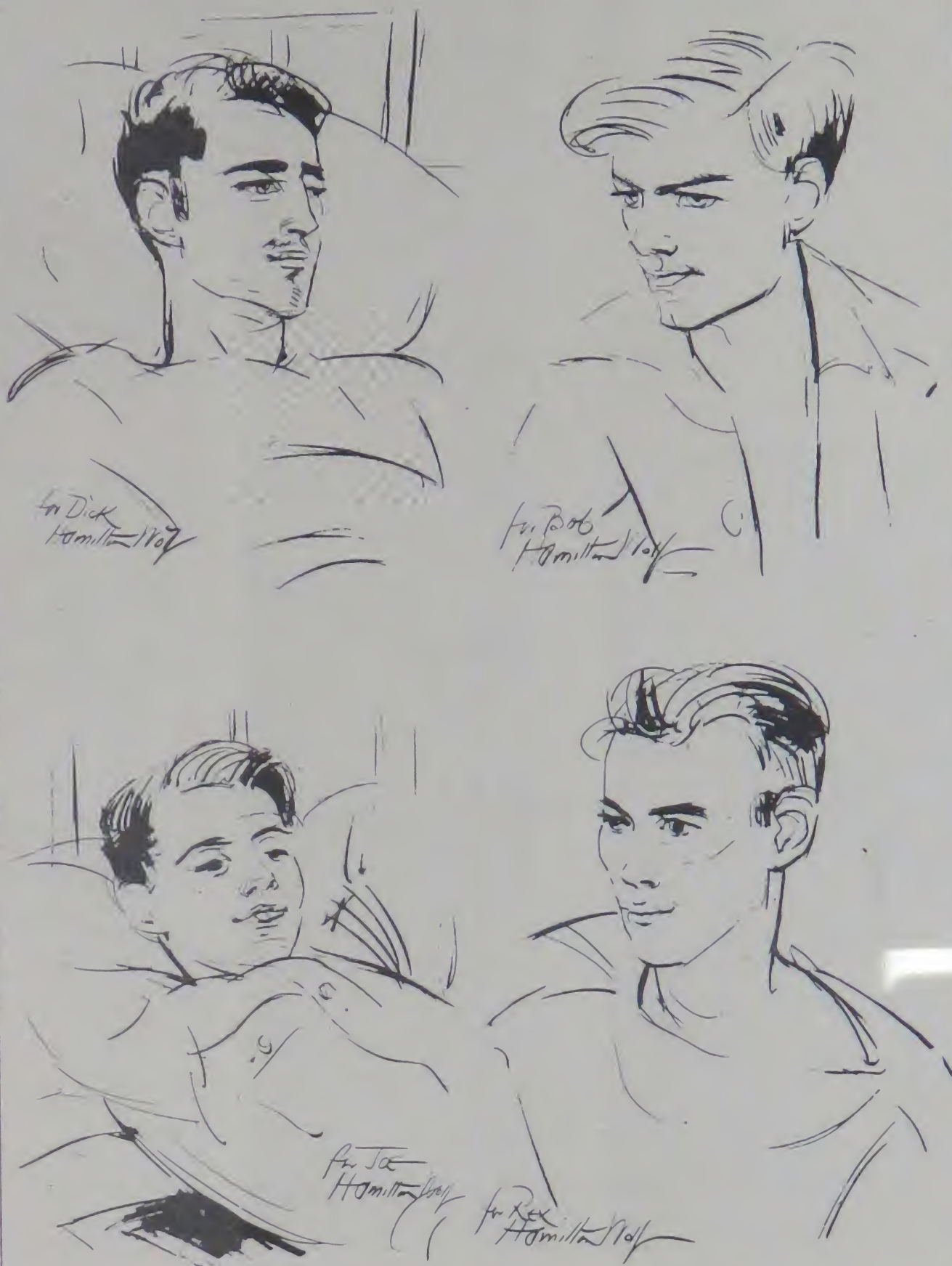
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the appreciative applause of the packed audience. In addition to our Commanding Officer, Capt. Dearing, the dance was honored with the presence of Captain Carroll, Executive Officer, Captain Snell and Captain Willett. Special thanks for her contribution to the outstanding success of the dance go to PhM2c Dorothy Hatchfield, who was in charge of the decorations that lent a festive air to the gathering.

Good Sportsmanship Shown

Special thanks also go to the compound's population for their keen interest, ardent support of the various candidates, and good sportsmanship—all of which were vital factors in the ultimate success of the campaign for more food for Oak Knoll patients.

These Are the Young Americans Who Are Winning a War



These are the faces of Oak Knoll patients . . . of young Americans who have been in the fight against the Japanese over the broad expanse of the Pacific and have returned to recuperate from wounds. . . . Typically American in appearance, they are also typical of the millions of young men who are winning this war.

The five-minute sketches are the work of Hamilton Wolf, a prominent California artist and were done on assignment for USO-Camp Shows, Inc. A familiar figure at Oak Knoll during the past year, Mr. Wolf has recently been doing similar work at the Treasure Island hospital.

New Publications Issued by Bumed

Four new publications were issued recently for distribution to Medical Department personnel.

"Essentials of Internship and Residency-Type Training in United States Naval Hospitals" (Navmed 762) outlines policy regarding this type of training. "The Rehabilitation Program of the Medical Department USN" (Navmed 716) is an orientation pamphlet for rehabilitation personnel. Other rehabilitation publications are "Plotting your course. . ." (Navmed 654) for distribution to amputees and "Handbook of Physical Training" issued jointly by Bumed and Bupers for use of physical training personnel.

Training Aids Officers To Be Designated

The Surgeon General has directed that medical officers in command at all naval hospitals, convalescent hospitals, base and fleet hospitals designate a training aids officer to handle the procurement and screening of medical training films for the individual activity.

A brand new ensign was drilling a group of sailors on a battleship deck far out at sea. He gave the command "To the rear, march," and then gazed, fascinated with horror, at the sight of the men approaching the edge of the deck. His tongue refused to give the order for recall. Just as the first man was about to go over, he turned to the ensign and implored: "Say something, sir. Even if it's only goodbye!"

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A pair of Texas recruits were taking their first plane trip cross-country. They landed in St. Louis and a little red truck dashed out to refuel the plane. At Cleveland, the second stop, a little red truck dashed alongside the plane as it landed. The third landing was at Albany and the same thing happened. The first recruit looked at his watch and turned to his companion. "This plane," he observed, "is sure making wonderful time." "Yep," answered the other, "and the little red truck isn't doing bad, either."



The Sporting Scene

Softballers Trim T. I. Dispensary 8-2

In Hospital League play, Oak Knoll's crack softball team handily disposed of the Treasure Island Dispensary squad 8-2 on Friday, May 25. The game was played on the hospital's new softball diamond and was featured by Parkinson's steady pitching, supported by tight defensive play. O'Brien, shortstop, and Postula, third base, were the fielding stars of the game, and Lather was credited with a four-bagger with one on. Kieswater's dependable backstopping was an important factor in the win.

In a wild and woolly game played on Tuesday, May 29, the hospital's Softballers tightened their hold on first place by outlasting the Naval Supply Depot Marines, 11-8. Rosenberger pitched most of the game, with Parkinson finishing up when Rosie developed a sore arm.

It was a seesaw battle with Oak Knoll coming from behind several times to end up on top. Ferguson hit a home run and Lindsey and Rosenberger also did some good stick work, with Rosenberger getting two singles in the one inning during which six runs crossed the platter.

With Fleet Hospital 113 dropping decisions to San Leandro and Treasure Island Dispensary in the past week, Oak Knoll is now kingpin in Hospital League play and should go on to take the title. However, the Fleet Hospital boys are still in a position to challenge, and the game to be played here Friday, June 1, should be a corker. Why not come out and give the team some support?

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Match Bowlers Lose To Shoemaker

By a margin of 35 pins Oak Knoll's Match Bowling Squad dropped a tough decision to Shoemaker on Thursday, May 24. Felix and Reakes paced the team with their steady pin-toppling, the other members of the group being off form for the evening. The match was played at Shoemaker.

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High Bowlers of The Week

Men	
Single—Melton	235
Double—Melton	419
Triple—Melton	586
Triple—Lindsey	586

Women	
Single—Ens. Hocking	187
Single—Ens. Chin	187
Double—Ens. Chin	332
Triple—Lt. (jg) Thompson	496

Staff Bowling League

MSR and Personnel clung to their respective leads in the Blue and Red leagues in last week's play, although the A's are being hard pressed by the Personnel squad.

In the Blue league Winters passed King to hold high average at this point with 176. Peklewsky leads the Red keglers with an average of 186. Smits has rolled the high single game in league play with 237 while Peklewsky holds high triple honors with 619. Disbursing has rolled the high team scores with 801 and 2341.

Blue		
	W.	L.
MSR	15	3
W & R	11	7
Disbursing	9	9
Dental	7	11
Surgery	6	12
Physio	6	12
Red		
A's	12	6
Personnel	11	7
Psychos	9	9
Laundry	9	9
Ship's Service	6	12
Laboratory	6	12

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Women's Softball League

In the opening game of the Women's Compound Softball League on Wednesday, May 30, the Port Waves trounced the Nurses 4-1. Sp(S)2c Kathryn Reichenbach pitched for the Waves while Lt. (jg) Brown hurled for the losers.

Following is the season schedule for this league:

- Friday, 1 June—Red Cross vs. Starboard Waves.
- Friday, 1 June—Cadets vs. Office.
- Wednesday, 6 June—Nurses vs. Red Cross.
- Wednesday, 6 June—Starboard Waves vs. Cadets.
- Friday, 8 June—Port Waves vs. Office.
- Wednesday, 13 June—Red Cross vs. Office.
- Thursday, 14 June—Nurses vs. Starboard Waves.
- Thursday, 14 June—Port Waves vs. Cadets.
- Wednesday, 20 June—Starboard Waves vs. Office.
- Friday, 22 June—Port Waves vs. Red Cross.
- Friday, 22 June—Nurses vs. Cadets.
- Wednesday, 27 June—Port vs. Starboard Waves.
- Friday, 29 June—Nurses vs. Office.
- Friday, 29 June—Red Cross vs. Cadets.

Handicap Bowlers In Slump

Oak Knoll's entry in the Eastern Division of the 12th Naval District Bowling League slumped to fourth place last week when they dropped two out of three to the Camp Park Reds.

Leading the league only three weeks ago, our keglers have dropped six and won three games since then to fall to their present position. However, it has been the fact that it is a handicap league that has consistently led to the downfall. On a scratch basis they would have had instead a record of seven wins and two losses.

Haynie is second highest man in league averages with a neat 183 and Winters is fourth with 181.

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Wave, Nurse Bowlers In Twin Victory

On Wednesday, May 30, the Nurse and Wave Bowling teams won twin victories over San Francisco teams. The Nurses overwhelmed the girls from Fleet Hospital 113 by the lop-sided score of 2004 to 1698, led by Lt. (jg) Thompson with a sweet three-game 501. Although their margin of victory was much narrower, our girls in blue outlasted the San Francisco Waves 1807 to 1783. Reser, with 435, was high scorer for Oak Knoll.

"Do you think that MAA suffers from insanity?"

"No, I think he enjoys every minute of it."

* * *

"Have you and your chief ever had any difference of opinion?"

"Yes, but he doesn't know it."

Scuttlebutt

It's hard to believe, but **Ruth Anundson** picked a **Lemon** for her future spouse and still seems well satisfied with her choice.

Our apologies to **Mickey Finn** for misspelling the name of her betrothed. . . The name is **Davis**. . . But we were right in reporting him to be a Chief—we just couldn't be wrong there. . .

This department extends a "**Well Dunn**" to **Phyllis Glenn** for the staunch way in which she is bearing up under her recent bereavement. . .

"**Teddy Bear**" **Borden** has been supplying the girls in X-ray with candy recently. . . Sweets from the sweet, we say. . .

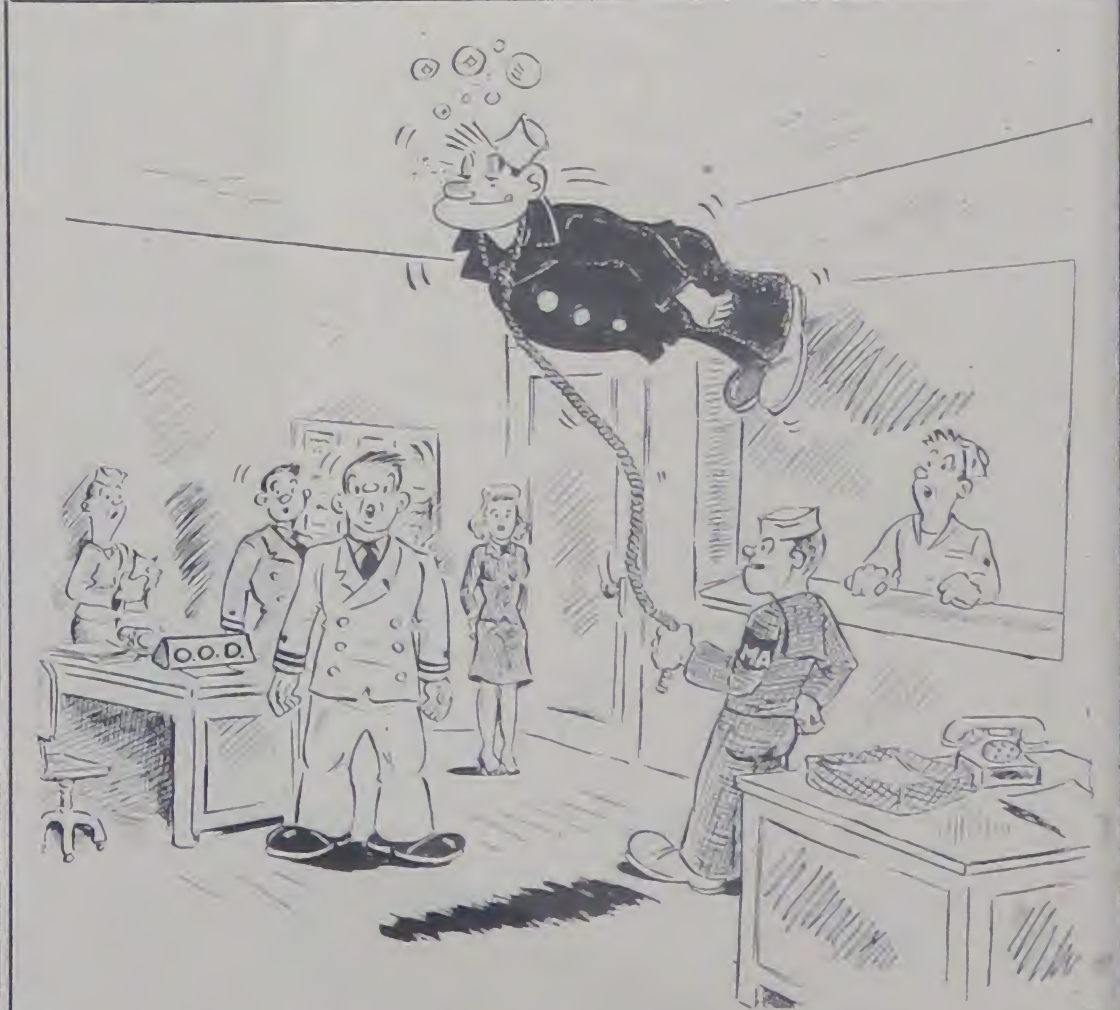
Seen at the Purple Heart Dance: The intellectual **Mr. Maag** displaying his terpsichorean charms with our beautiful Queen of the Purple Hearts in no less than three dances. . . **Ferris** having his troubles. . . The *Oak Leaf* staff very much in evidence with **Penberthy** wandering around benignly looking for **Hardgraves** while both the editor and the managing editor did yeoman service in the less extreme forms of the dance. . . "**Red**" **Clark** squired by Surgery's finest. . . **John Hardgraves** wandering benignly around looking for **Penberthy**. . . **Lillyan Reba** in good company. . . The band in extra good form. . . In fact, good forms in evidence everywhere. . . A great deal of superb jitterbugging. . . And a good time had by all at Oak Knoll's best dance of the season.

He: "You used to say there was something about me that you loved."

She: "Yes, but that's all spent now."

MOIPHY . . .

By Penberthy



"I don't think a Bogans test will be necessary, Doctor!"

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Honor Fifteen At Citations Ceremony

Crack marching which showed the results of weekly practice and good band provided appropriate background for the Citation Ceremony on Saturday, June 2, at which fifteen men were honored. Captain Dearing, Medical Officer in Command, made the presentations and Captain Carroll, Executive Officer, read the citations.

Gore Gets Navy Cross

Chief among those receiving decorations were Lt. (jg) John R. Gore, USNR, who received the Navy Cross for his heroism and Lt. Herbert G. Box who received the unprecedented total of five decorations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pl. Sgt. Harvey C. Carbaugh, USMCR received the Silver Star Medal and Cox. Robert B. Good, USNR, the Bronze Star with Gold Star. To Ph M2/c John L. Downey, USNR, Cpl. David V. Stanton, USMC, and Sgt. James E. Fleck, USMC, went the Bronze Star Medal.

Ens. Kenneth L. Henry, USNR, and HA 1/c Allen F. Ray, USNR, were the recipients of Commendation Ribbons while Lt. Cmdr. Harold G. Green, USN, was presented with a Navy Unit Commendation.

The following received the Presidential Unit Citation: HA 1/c Van Dyke F. Parks, USN, AS James W. Noble, USNR, PhM 2/c Thomas B. Rushing, USN, PhM 2/c Jack S. Ragsdale, USN, and Ch. Carp. Leonard E. Barnett, USNR.

Inventor of the Hiller-Copter to Visit Hospital

Stanley Hiller, Jr., inventor, presently engaged by the Kaiser Cargo Fleetwing Division, will discuss "The Helicopter and Its Future Possibilities" in an informal lecture and discussion, Wednesday morning, 13 June, 0900, topside of the dental clinic. His film, "The Hiller-Copter", will be shown during this session.

Lt. H. G. Box Receives Five Decorations



When Lt. Herbert G. Box stepped up before Capt. Dearing at the Citations Ceremony on Saturday, June 2, he received the unprecedented total of five decorations: The Distinguished Flying Cross, Navy and Marine Corps Medal, Air Medal, Commendation Ribbon and Purple Heart. He is shown above with Capt. Dearing and Ens. Kenneth Henry, who was also decorated and whom Lt. Box kept afloat for thirteen hours in shark-infested waters until they were rescued.

Red Cross Opens New Hobby Shop

The Red Cross Hobby Shop is the official title for Room 201 in the new Convalescent Training Building. The front door opened to forty convalescent training patients Tuesday, May 29, at 0900 with forty more reporting at 1300. From 1500 to 1600 those interested in hobbying for hobbies sake alone took over the shop.

Ruth Crawford, Red Cross Recreation Worker in charge, says materials available include sheet and rod metal in copper, lead, brass, and steel, plastic, leather, parachute silk, etc. A corps of Gray Ladies has been assigned to the Shop to prepare models and samples; also they teach and assist the patients in a large assortment of crafts, such as leather work, plastics, metal work, wood work, clay modeling, weaving, block-printing, art, and "Hobbies."

Apply NOW For That Apartment

Application for residence in the new housing project of 10 four-family apartment buildings being constructed near here are now being received by the Station Housing Officer.

Commissioned officers not above the rank of lieutenant senior grade and enlisted men of the staff are eligible. Priority is given to those who have overseas duty and have been separated from their families for an extended period of time. However, personnel without overseas duty are eligible and are invited to submit an application.

With construction scheduled for completion on or before July 21 there is not much time left for interested naval or marine personnel to get in their applications.

Contact the Station Housing Officer at the Security Office in the Post Office Building.

Corpsman Is Rescue Hero On Okinawa

The United Press recently reported that Robert H. Rhodes, Jr. HA1c, played games with an English-speaking Jap sniper while he rescued five Marines on Okinawa.

Holed up in a cave near Sugar Loaf Hill with remnants of his Marine battalion, Rhodes went out after his first casualty and a sniper's bullet whizzed by his head when he dragged the wounded man inside. He went out after the second one and was on his way back to the cave when he was startled to hear the sniper's voice.

"Hey, Doc, come on out!"

"Okay, sucker, I'm coming," answered Rhodes.

The sniper shot repeatedly, but Rhodes got his third man back into the cave.

"I dare you to come out of there once more," the sniper called.

"Get ready," Rhodes yelled back. "Here I come!"

A few minutes later the fourth casualty was safe in the cave.

"If you come out again, Ed, I'll hit you right between the eyes," the frustrated sniper bellowed.

"You couldn't hit me if I ran down the barrel of your rifle," Rhodes sang back, and he pulled the fifth man in despite the warning of the other Marines in the cave. The Marines then insisted on halting the battlefield conversation with a burst of their tommy guns. Rhodes brought in the sixth casualty without further talk.

Weekend Attractions

Fri., June 8—1730

Take It Easy, Variety Stage Show.

Fri., June 8—1930

Escape in the Desert, with Jean Sullivan and Zachary Scott.

Sat., June 9—1730-1930

DuBarry Was a Lady, with Lucille Ball and Red Skelton.

Sun., June 10—1730-1930

The Man Who Walked Alone, with Kay Aldrich and Dave O'Brien.

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• These Dreams Came True

U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, has been the scene of the reconstruction of human bodies for some time. But, for the first time, the hospital is now becoming properly equipped for re-creation through athletics.

Tennis courts are being added. Baseball diamonds have been laid out. Volleyball, basketball, handball and badminton courts are being built. The swimming pool is now heated. And most of us are looking forward to putting these new facilities to plenty of use.

The new brig, wards, nurse quarters, bank and convalescent training building are now being followed by the construction of two sorely needed assets: a housing project for navy families and a chapel.

We salute all who have had a part in this progress!

Off the Bookshelf

The new annex to the library has been completed, and is very new and shining indeed. The "paste room," as a witty chief called it, has been moved from the solarium to the new workroom. Here the patients paste, letter, mend, shellac, and mark books, and reinforce magazines for circulation. There is at last a place for the daily deluge of magazines other than the doorway of the librarian's office, and it is no longer necessary to step over the man who opens them. We don't think anyone ever actually walked on him, but it kept us agile.

Two pieces of furniture which we were overjoyed to see coming in the door are the newspaper racks, which make it unnecessary to look through three dozen papers before finding the one you want.

The library has road maps of the United States, the western states, and the Bay region, and street maps of Oakland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, available for consultation in the library. They are so frequently called for that we keep them at the desk, rather than in a file. We also have several World Atlases which are much in demand.

A limited number of Marine Corps CHEVRONS are being received by the library and distributed in the wards. If you wish this or other magazines, please ask your librarian. We will do our best to fill your requests.

A few more novels with Latin American backgrounds are suggested for your leisure reading:

Cuba

Allen: *Anthony Adverse*.
Coxe: *Murder in Havana*.
Hemingway: *To Have and Have Not*.
Steen: *The Sun Is My Undoing*.

Mexico

Beals: *Black River*.
Bechdolt: *Danger on the Border*.
Brand: *South of Rio Grande*.
Calder-Marshall: *The Way to Santiago*.
Coolidge: *Yaqui Drums*.
Dos Passos: *The 42nd Parallel*.
Eierro Blanco: *The Journey of the Flame*.
Grey: *Desert Gold*.
Janvier: *The Aztec Treasure-House*.
Keyes: *All That Glitters*.
LeMay: *Thunder in the Dust*.
MacDonald: *The Shadow Rider*.
Mainwaring: *Street of the Crying Woman*.
Morrow: *Beyond the Blue Sierra*.
Raine: *Beyond the Rio Grande*.
Raine: *The River Bend Feud*.
Shellabarger: *Captain From Castile*.
Wellman: *Angel With Spurs*.

West Indies

Eberhart: *Speak No Evil*.
Forester: *Captain From Connecticut*.
Hayes: *Dildo Cay*.
Lofts: *Colin Lowrie*.
McCloy: *The Goblin Market*.
Marquand: *Last Laugh, Mr. Moto*.
Mason: *Rivers of Glory*.
Mason: *Stars on the Sea*.
Sabatini: *Captain Blood*.
Smith: *Porto Bello Gold*.
Yates: *Death Sends a Cable*.

Lt. Bookatz, Navy Artist, Portrays Work and Drama of Hospital

The work of the Medical Corps and Hospital Corps on the battlefields, on ships, and in the air have been dramatized by various Navy and civilian artists and photographers, but the equally vital work being done in the hospitals has not been similarly honored. Both from the viewpoint of its historic significance and scientific value such a work needs to be done.

To fulfill this vital task, BuMed on May 4, 1945 sent to the Oakland Naval Hospital Lt. Samuel Bookatz H(S) USNR, well known artist, who has already completed many beautiful paintings and murals covering the valiant work of doctors and corpsmen in the field. Some of his work in this field is reproduced in this issue of the *Oak Leaf*.

A prominent artist and portraitist before he entered the Navy, Mr. Bookatz finds this pioneer work in a new field very interesting. At present he is working on paintings of Plastic Surgery, but he intends eventually to depict other phases

of hospital work, including operating room scenes.

Lt. Bookatz, who came to us from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, D. C., is a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from the Cleveland School of Art in 1935. He has received many scholarships and prizes for his work and traveled and studied abroad extensively 1937-1939. His paintings have been exhibited in Rome, Paris, and at various art museums in the United States.

Captions

On page three are shown two of the dramatic murals by Lt. Bookatz, depicting the vital work of the Doctors and Corpsmen in the field. At bottom, left, Lt. Bookatz is shown at work; right: A fine portrait painted by Mr. Bookatz in France shortly after the outbreak of war in Europe.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"Strange Fruit"

There is an old song about a boy who asked a girl for a kiss. The girl replied—yes—she would let him kiss her—"when apples grow on the lilac tree." The boy was very despondent until one day, when passing the girl's home, he saw her tying "apples on the lilac tree." He might have remarked, "What strange fruit!"

Every one of us would be quite surprised to see apples growing on a lilac tree. We would be equally astonished should we see a grape vine bearing oranges, or tomatoes on a cherry tree. We expect nature to behave herself. When we plant tomatoes we know that the vines will bear that fruit.

There are few surprises or freaks in nature. But when you look at us human beings—bar the gate! Most people would resent the accusation that they were un-Christian. The majority of the people in this country claim to be Christian. Yet their Christianity bears such "strange fruit." You see one who claims to be Christian and you also may see the essence of intolerance, selfish ambition, greed, jealousy, lust, or any one of a dozen other fruits of an un-Christian life.

Should you ever hear kind words coming from the lips of a cruel and mean person, you might remark "What strange fruit." One does not expect good to come out of evil. But there is a power which can change evil to good—the spirit of God working in the lives of individuals. No man or woman can truly bear good fruit until he allows that Spirit to guide his life. But as long as they avoid contact with the Word of God, there is little chance of their lives being enriched by the Spirit of God. Read your Bible more often. Search it for help to live, and I assure you that your life will bear the fruits of the Spirit of Christ—not "strange fruit."

CHAPLAIN A. T. L. ARMSTRONG.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.
Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 0900; Divine Services, 1030; Vespers, 1800.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.
Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Bag Room, Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, J. P. Corley.
Sunday Mass—0630 in Chapel; 0900 and 1100 in Auditorium.
Weekday Mass—0645 and 1630.
Confessions—Daily before Mass; Saturdays at 1900; on the Thursday before each first Friday at 1900.
Novena Devotions—Friday at 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel kindly send in names to the Chaplain.

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Physical Training Helps Hospital Patients Get Well Quicker



Lt. George H. Pickar, a patient on 40B, does the bed exercises that helped to put him on his feet in record time.



SM1c Samuel Armstrong and SM2c Lee Lumpford, patients on 61A, exercise under the direction of CSp(A) A. N. Jaffe.

Hospital Hears Commentators

Two well-known commentators visited the hospital on Tuesday, May 29, and spoke before a select and appreciative audience in the Auditorium. They were Arthur Gaeth of the Mutual Broadcasting System and Col. Dedier, formerly attached to Marshal Tito's Yugoslav Partisans.

Mr. Gaeth discussed the organization and functions of the United Nations Conference now being held in San Francisco. He made clear the aims and purposes of this Conference and also stressed its limitations.

Col. Dedier was then interviewed by Mr. Gaeth in regard to his adventures while fighting with Marshal Tito's forces. The Colonel discussed at length the conditions under which the Partisans fought and the methods by which they put up a stiff fight against the Nazi army.

HA2c: Excuse me; I was here first.

Woman: But my husband is an officer.

HA2c: What's his rank?

Woman: He's an ensign.

HA2c: Too bad. My wife's a jg.

Corps School for Waves Set Up at Great Lakes

Camp Moffett, a unit of the Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, is being converted into a Hospital Corps School (WR) with a capacity of 1500 WAVES under instruction in the accelerated program expected to begin soon. First students are expected from Hunter College in the latter part of July.

Little Girl: Mummy, look at that funny man across the street.

Mother: What's he doing?

Little Girl: He's sitting on the sidewalk talking to a banana peel.

Bethesda Established X-ray Technic Course

A new course in X-ray and photofluorographic technic has been established at the Naval Medical School, Bethesda, Md., open to hospital corpsmen and leading to a certificate in that specialty. The course is scheduled for a period of 6½ months, but will be accelerated to six months.

First Sailor: What did your wife say when you came in late last night?

Second Sailor: Nothing. She didn't give me a word of warning.

Oakland Students Furnish Holiday Dessert



Homemade cake was on the menu for Oak Knoll's patients on Memorial Day, Wednesday, May 30, thanks to the industrious youngsters from the Frick Junior High School of East Oakland. A total of six hundred cakes were begged, borrowed or commandeered at home by the students and brought to the school on Tuesday to give the hospital's personnel a taste of home cooking. Above is shown a panoramic view of the cakes before being distributed to the chow halls.

Openings in Machine Shop Practice

Instruction on individual projects and brush-up training in machine shop practice is available through the Educational Services Office at the Berkeley Evening Trade School.

Transportation is furnished by the AWVS, leaving the hospital at 1415 and returning at 1715, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Call Ext. 164.

With the Physical Training Program at Oak Knoll now functioning at full speed, the hospital is well launched on a program that is already showing gratifying results. The well-being of all patients has been improved and in many cases the period of convalescence has been shortened markedly.

Lt. George H. Pickar, USNR, a patient on 40B, received a fractured spine and a compound fracture of the tibia and fibula in an airplane crash on March 14, 1945. He received emergency treatment at an Army hospital and was brought to Oak Knoll on April 5.

Almost immediately he started taking bed exercises under the direction of CSp(A) Raupp for the purpose of restoring strength to all parts of the body not affected by his injuries and to improve his condition in general. So successful was he in his dogged determination to get well in the shortest possible time that on May 21, the first day he was given a brace, he was able to sit up, climb unaided in and out of bed, and get in a wheel chair.

Five days later he was able to use a pair of crutches, and since then has been getting around the compound with the best of them. Chief Raupp estimates that thanks to his determination and daily bed exercises, Lt. Pickar cut down his period of hospitalization by as much as a third.

Research Unit to Study Rheumatic Fever

With approval of a 400-bed expansion at the Dublin, Ga., naval hospital by the Secretary of the Navy last week, plans were completed for establishment of a research unit engaged in rheumatic fever studies. Construction is expected to be completed around 30 August.

Educational Services

Want to Build a House?

We are warming up to the day when it will be possible to announce the opening of the wood-working shop in the Pre-Vocational Building, where you will be able to wield the hammer and saw yourself. But in the meantime, have you thought of making blue-prints—of studying a collection of house plans—of looking through literature on building aids, materials, and new architectural ideas—of reading an excellent Carpentry and Joinery text just received? Call Extension 64 or come to the Educational Services Office, topside Marine Detachment Building.



Special Interest Programs

The Special Interest Programs are now being conducted topside of the Dental Clinic 0900-1100 each day. Schedule for 11 June to 15 June follows:

11 June—Round Table Series. "Our Ally, Great Britain," Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services). Movie: "Welcome to Britain."

12 June—Lecture and Discussion, "Stamp Collecting." Mr. Harry Gray, (the Stamp Lounge).

13 June—Lecture and Discussion, "The Helicopter and Its Possibilities." Mr. S. Hiller (Kaiser, Hiller-Copter.) Movie: "The Hiller-Copter."

*14 June—Lecture: "Personal Experiences in Hunting Big Game in Africa." (Mr. S. A. Snow (Mgr. Alameda County Zoological Gardens). Movie: "Rhino and Elephant."

15 June—Current Events, "News Developments." Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services). Movie: "Poland."

*To be conducted in the Auditorium.

They Were Honored at Purple Heart Dance



When Oak Knoll marked the conclusion of a successful campaign for blood for Oak Knoll patients with a festive Purple Heart Dance, the above winners were honored and the Queen made a short speech of appreciation. Left to right, they are Lt. (jg) Lois Simons, Doris Ott, Queen Lt. Eleanor Stockhausen, and Roberta Silvester. Ida Mae Schneider, the fourth Maid of Honor, was in sick bay at the time.

Navy Ration Board Is Established in S. F.

Navy men returning from overseas on leave can now obtain the precious ration stamps directly from the Navy instead of through a local OPA board. With the co-operation of the Office of Price Administration, a Navy Plant Area Ration Board was opened Friday, 1 June 1945, at Twelfth Naval District Headquarters in the Federal Office Building, San Francisco.

The points may not be sufficient for that tender steak every overseas veteran dreams about, but he does receive—without red tape—all the points he is entitled to while on leave.

The newly formed board, under the chairmanship of Commander Howard M. McKinley, USNR, District Welfare Officer, functions as a complete ration board.

Noted Explorer to Visit Hospital

Sidney A. Snow, big-game hunter, adventurer and explorer, will tell of his personal experiences in hunting big game in Africa, Thursday morning, 14 June, at 0900 in the Auditorium.

Mr. Snow has hunted with his father, H. A. Snow, from boyhood. He has made films of wild life in Africa and the Arctic, one of which, "Rhino and Elephant," will be shown during this program.

Following the above presentation, Mr. Snow will be available for informal discussion, during which personal interviews may be had for those desiring further information regarding the field of exploration.

Parade Rest

First Sgt. Frank C. Dollard of this detachment was busy at work one day last week when a youngster approached him and said "I think I'm supposed to report to you for duty here." First Sgt. Dollard looked up to greet the new arrival and found Cpl. Frank C. Dollard, Jr., his son. Cpl. Dollard is a veteran of Peleliu, and spent 38 months overseas. The Detachment also welcomed aboard Warrant Officer Paul C. Stanley from the Marine Corps Base, San Diego, California.

Recently Johnny Mitcheom got his car out of hock, where it had been recuperating from an accident. This week it goes back, and probably for good. Well, one consolation, he'll never wear out the tires as long as it's in the garage.

Who is that LUCKY lad who has a beautiful young lady pick him up and deliver him daily . . . and in a new Cadillac, too! Pfc. Henson is looking awfully tired these days; wonder why.

NOTES FOR MARINES: All Marine patients arriving from overseas will receive emergency payments of \$20. The time for such payments being set when the affidavits are delivered to the Marine Detachment. This includes patients admitted from the Receiving Hospital, San Francisco, who were not paid at that hospital.

REGULAR payday for Marine patients is the 20th of each month, so on the 20th of the month following your arrival here, you will receive an additional \$20 payment and will continue to receive a \$20 payment on the 20th of each month until your record book is received from overseas. On the regular payday following the arrival of your service record book, you will receive your pay in full. You will not receive a special payment upon arrival of your service record book unless you are being transferred, or going on a convalescent leave.

AMBULATORY patients will be paid at the Marine Detachment office. Patients who are confined to their beds will be paid in their wards.



The Sporting Scene

Baseballers Win First Game

Oak Knoll's newly organized baseball team finally broke into the win column when they defeated the Shoemaker Snipers 9-5 on Tuesday, May 29. Zimmer's triple in the first inning opened the barrage of lusty swatting by the home team, which put Oak Knoll ahead and kept them there. Williams and Hall was the battery for the victorious squad.

Score by innings:
Shoemaker 0 0 0 3 0 0 2—5
Oak Knoll 3 2 0 1 0 3 *—9

The next day, Wednesday, May 30, the hospital's representative returned to their losing ways when they succumbed to the Coast Guard outfit, 5-1. Although they outhit the visitors, getting six hits to their opponent's four, errors and failure to bunch their hits spelled defeat. Picarielli got two singles and drove in Oak Knoll's sole marker. Felix was the losing pitcher, although he struck out nine of the Coast Guardians in the seven innings of play.

Score by innings:
Coast Guard . . . 0 2 3 0 0 0 0—5
Oak Knoll 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—1

League Bowlers Back In Winning Stride

On Friday, June 1, Oak Knoll's Bowling team snapped back into their winning stride by defeating the Camp Park Reds, 2632 to 2406, in 12th Naval District League play. Jimmy King was high man for the hospital for the second week in a row with an elegant 591. Second was Tom Felix with 571, followed by Charley Winters with 531. Felix and King tied for high single game honors with 212.

High Bowlers of The Week

Men	
Single—Petty	237
Double—Petty	454
Triple—Petty	632
Women	
Single—Donaldson	176
Single—Lt. (jg) Scruggs	176
Double—Donaldson	326
Triple—Donaldson	473

It Is Rumored
that already \$5,502.50 has been invested by Oak Knollers in the Navy's Independence Day War Bond Drive. According to the Security Officer's latest report, the smart sailor or marine is not investing his savings on races or the slot machines. Rather, he is buying a hunk of his own and his country's future security. Have you bought a bond in the Independence Day War Bond Drive?

Softball Team Wins Two

Oak Knoll was revenged for the only game they have lost this season in league play when they defeated Fleet Hospital 113 on Friday, June 1, by a 5-4 score. It was a tense, hard-fought grudge battle with many of the Fleet Hospital's stars being former Oak Knollers.

With Rosenberger and Parkinson collaborating on the pitching, Gammill poking out two pay-off hits, and Concannon contributing a timely triple, Oak Knoll managed to come out on top in a game in which the lead changed constantly.

The team is now sure of its place in the playoff and should go on to take the title.

In Industrial League play against Naval Air Transport Service, Oakland, on Tuesday, June 5, the squad whipped the airport men, 2 to 1. Parkinson pitched what turned out to be a tight defensive battle and Oak Knoll's third straight victory in this league. The win was noteworthy in the fact that the hospital team was undermanned, due to illness, patient drafts and loss of players.

Staff Bowling League

Taking three straight in last week's play, the MSR bowlers lengthened their dominating lead in Blue League play and now appear almost certain to cop top honors.

In the Red League the A's continued to lead while Laundry advanced to third place and Laboratory to fifth place when both the Psychos and Ship's Service teams slumped.

Blue			
	W.	L.	
MSR	18	3	
W & R	12	9	
Disbursing	12	9	
Dental	9	12	
Surgery	6	15	
Physio	6	15	
Red			
A's	16	5	
Personnel	13	8	
Laundry	10	11	
Psychos	9	12	
Laboratory	8	13	
Ship's Service	7	14	

94 Enlisted Men Are Appointed Pharmacists

A total of 94 enlisted men were appointed Pharmacists to date from 15 May, 1945, according to the last BuPers list. In addition there were 28 promotions to Ensign (HC) and eight promotions to Lieut. (jg) in the Hospital Corps.

Scuttlebutt

According to Dental Clinic Della Huls was seen drinking egg in her beer the other night. . . . She didn't think anybody saw her, so the yolk's on her. . . .

Who is this man Stephens who makes a date and then doesn't keep it? . . . The cad. . . .

Did you hear about the big, strong marine MP who was put on report for eating with the Waves in the chow hall? . . .

They have a new glamor girl in Physio by the name of Maureen O'Brien . . . all the old campaigners in the department are very much interested, but no encounters have been reported yet. . . .

Mary Bride, just back from leave, was all thrilled last week when a feller from her home town called on her. . . .

The latest juvenile in Lab to enter the mustache sweepstakes is Bernie Bernstein. . . . If you ask us, we think he'll lose by a whisker and join the growing list of toddlers who also ran. . . . Maybe next year, boys. . . .

What's this war coming to? . . . A Chief is replacing a Wave in Property and Accounting. . . .

Don't talk to Susie Simmons, Marine Detachment habitue, about "A Song to Remember." . . . It's a painful subject. . . .

We were going to tell you about Miller's latest boy friend, but what's the use? . . . There'll be another guy by the time this is printed. . . .

Carolyn Usner in OPD and a corpsman in Surgery above OPD have petitioned to have an inside ladder installed. . . . They're tired of taking the long way home. . . .

What with her husband back home, dreamy-eyed Sgt. Helen Erickson Hamilton has been having trouble keeping her mind on her work. . . .

Anyone in need of some civil readjusting is advised to go down and view tall, lovely, brunette Eleanor Shankland, a recent and ornamental addition to that department. . . .

It is not generally known but we have learned from authoritative sources the real reason Maag left Educational Services and now labors as a student in Property and Accounting. . . . It seems that in a department abounding with Doctorates and Masters, Maag, a mere college graduate, was developing a terrific inferiority complex. . . . So he decided to go out and get some more book larnin'. . . .

The official story is this: Patterson went out for a hamburger that night and the fact that he wound up at 14th and Broadway only proves that he'll go a long way for a swell dish, that is, a hamburger. . . .

Don't mention poison ivy to Joe Keller of 45A. . . . It's a very embarrassing subject.

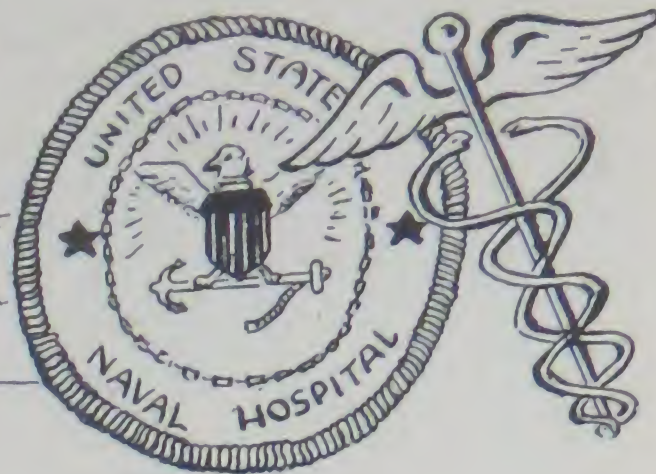
We note in passing and with regret the departure of the divine Sara and the termination of an immortal affaire de coeur. . . . Truly erican in its ill-starred magnificence was this romance. . . .

Lost and Found
LOST—Masonic emblem with diamond setting from ring. Liberal reward. Please return to CMM P. W. Groom, Ward 45B.
LOST—Bottom half of black Parker Fountain Pen. Please return to Oak Leaf Office. Reward.

MOIPHY . . . By Penberthy



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French Admiral Visits Hospital On Anniversary of D-Day

Commemorating the first anniversary of D-Day in Europe, Oak Knoll was honored on June 6 with the visit of French Vice Admiral R. Fenard. Head of the Navy Staff at the French Legation in Washington, Admiral Fenard at present is attending the United Nations Conference in San Francisco.

Meets Officers

Admiral Fenard was welcomed aboard by Captain Dearing, Medical Officer in Command, and Captain Carroll, Executive Officer, and in the pleasant and informal atmosphere of the Officers' Club met many of the hospital's staff and patient officers. Toasts appropriate to the occasion and to the firm friendship existing between France and the United States featured the gathering.

Tours Hospital

Accompanied by his Aide and the hospital's notables, Admiral Fenard made an extensive tour of the wards and departments. Fluent in his command of English, the Admiral expressed his admiration of the hospital and the excellent facilities here for treatment and convalescence.

NOTICE

The *Oak Leaf* has a limited supply of some of the issues of the past year. All Oak Knollers who have incomplete files of the *Oak Leaf* or who wish to have these copies for their general interest are invited to call at the *Oak Leaf* Office, top deck of the Post Office Building and select those desired from the available numbers.

Men With Aviation Ratings—Attention!!

If you plan to utilize your Navy aviation training after the war, come discuss your plans and problems with Mr. Clarence E. Bennett, personnel manager of the United Air Lines, Oakland office, who will visit the hospital Thursday morning, 6900, topside Dental Clinic.

Admiral Fenard Meets Officer Patients



Lt. Herbert G. Box, recent winner of five decorations at a Citations Ceremony held here, is introduced to Admiral Fenard at the informal gathering in the Officers' Club.

Hospital's Artificial Eye Dept. Is Result of Scientific Achievement

War has served as a tremendous impetus to the advancement of all phases of medical science and technique but in none, perhaps, more significantly than in the manufacture and fitting of artificial eyes.

With the outbreak of the war, the United States faced an immediate shortage of the type of glass suitable to the manufacture of artificial eyes which, before that, had come largely from Germany. However, with the new field of plastics just reaching maturity and American ingenuity the problem was more than solved.

Today, plastics and the technique involved in their coloring and fitting provide artificial eyes that are in every respect superior to the glass eyes formerly used. The United States Navy has been quick to secure for its personnel

the benefits of this scientific advance.

On January 1, 1945, a department for Maxillo-Facial Prosthesis was established at Oak Knoll and to head this office came Lt. Commander H. G. Davies (DC)USN. At present, his assistants include Jane Lilly HA1c, a trained technician in the field, Ernest Faselino PhM3c, and Leo Sexton HA1c.

Now busily engaged, with the help of his crew, in providing plastic eyes that are practically indistinguishable from their seeing mates, Dr. Davies took out time enough to enumerate some of the many advantages of the new process.

The plastic is moulded to the socket, thus getting an exact fit. The facial contour of the eyelids

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Hospital to See "Charlie Chan"

Make smile, please. Charlie Chan — the most famous screen sleuth of them all—is coming to Oak Knoll Hospital on June 18 and 19 under the auspices of USO Camp Shows. He's leaving his No. 1 Son in Hollywood, though.

As you probably know, Charlie Chan — who makes Confucious sound downright hep—is in reality a pleasantly scholarly individual named Sidney Toler. You've seen Mr. Toler in dozens of fine character portrayals . . . but the autograph hounds never gave him a sniff till he appeared as the Chinese Edgar Hoover. Now they follow him everywhere and he loves it.

Sidney Toler wears eye-ravaging shirts and ties and still manages to retain his reputation as a gentleman and savant. He studies the theater as a science and raises cabbages. He has written plays, acted in them on Broadway, and served as a rumordetective with the Propaganda Dept. during World War I. It was fine preparation for his Chan roles.

Blood Bank Invites You To Have Blood Typed

Oak Knollers who have not given blood are invited to come to the Blood Bank, topside Marine Detachment Bldg., for the purpose of having their blood type and Rh factor determined.

These facts will be put on file at the Blood Bank so that in an emergency appropriate donors may be available for the giving of blood. The need is great and you may go to the Blood Bank at your own convenience to have this typing done.

Weekend Attractions

Fri., June 15—1715-1930

A Medal for Benny, with Dorothy Lamour and Arturo De Cordova.

Sat., June 16—1715-1930

Dixie, with Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour.

Sun., June 17—1730-1930

I'll Tell the World, with Lee Tracy and Brenda Joyce.

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• Lest We Forget

Almost four years have passed since President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill met to formulate the Atlantic Charter, a document embodying the hopes of mankind for a better world.

At that time the Nazi star was in the ascendant and the democracies were preparing themselves for the bitter struggle and defining the ultimate goal.

With the defeat of the Nazis the Atlantic Charter becomes not merely a hope for the future but a pattern for action NOW. That we may reacquaint ourselves with these principles, the Atlantic Charter is reprinted here.

THE ATLANTIC CHARTER

The President of the United States of America and the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, representing His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, being met together, deem it right to make known certain common principles in the national policies of their respective countries on which they base their hopes for a better future for the world.

1. Their countries seek no aggrandizement, territorial or other.
2. They desire to see no territorial changes that do not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned.
3. They respect the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live; and they wish to see sovereign rights and self-government restored to those who have been forcibly deprived of them.
4. They will endeavor, with due respect for their existing obligations, to further the enjoyment by all States, great or small, victor or vanquished, of access, on equal terms, to the trade and to the raw materials of the world which are needed for their economic prosperity.
5. They desire to bring about the fullest collaboration between all nations in the economic field with the object of securing for all, improved labor standards, economic advancement and social security.
6. After the final destruction of the Nazi tyranny, they hope to see established a peace which will afford to all nations the means of dwelling in safety within their own boundaries, and which will afford assurance that all the men in all the lands may live out their lives in freedom from fear and want.
7. Such a peace should enable all men to traverse the high seas and oceans without hindrance.
8. They believe that all of the nations of the world, for realistic as well as spiritual reasons, must come to the abandonment of the use of force. Since no future peace can be maintained if land, sea or air armaments continue to be employed by nations which threaten, or may threaten, aggression outside of their frontiers, they believe, pending the establishment of a wider and permanent system of general security, that the disarmament of such nations is essential. They will likewise aid and encourage all other practicable measures which will lighten for peace-loving peoples the crushing burden of armaments.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
WINSTON S. CHURCHILL

August 14, 1941

Catholic Bishop & Oakland Mayor Visit



When the Most Reverend Thomas A. Connolly, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, Mayor John F. Slavich of Oakland, Admiral and Mrs. Henry F. Bruns, and Mrs. Frederick R. Hook came aboard Sunday, June 3, they were welcomed by Captain Dearing. Above, our Medical Officer in Command is shown chatting with Bishop Connolly and Mayor Slavich. Bishop Connolly administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a group of twenty Oak Knollers, with the other guests acting as sponsors. After the ceremony, the visitors were honored at a dinner held in the Officers' Club.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

The Basis of Peace

We humans are great idealists. We are little realists—and a little rotten at that. In time of war we love our countries so much we are willing to die for them. In time of peace we don't love them enough to be honest for them. Thus we have war with all its filth—physical and moral. Then comes medicinal or preventive patchings of Leagues, Conferences, and Charters.

Love without honesty is like hunger without food. The subject soon dies. Why rant about the ideals of peace and freedom, if at the same time we commence to undermine a period of security by selfishness, greed and immorality in our individual lives?

Individuals compose the race. Each man's act—good or bad—has indefinite and far-reaching effect on the society in which he lives, just as a pebble cast into a pond rearranges the relationship of the water's molecules throughout the body.

It seems, therefore, the state of peace and security will come only from a program of actual individual honesty, based on the two great commandments—love of God (keeping the commandments) and love of our neighbor (justice and honesty).

CHAPLAIN J. P. CORLEY.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.
Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 0900; Divine Services, 1030; Vespers, 1800.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.
Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Dental Clinic Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, J. P. Corley.
Sunday Mass—0630 in Chapel; 0900 and 1100 in Auditorium.
Weekday Mass—0645 and 1630.
Confessions Before all Masses.
Novena—Benediction Wednesdays, 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel send in names to the Chaplain.

Saturday, 16 June, 1945

Plastics, Oil Painting and Technical Skill Feature New Field



In his office on the top deck of the Dental Clinic, Dr. Davies fits Cpl. Marvin Damm with an eye that will have up to 40 per cent of normal motion.



HAlc Jane Lilly, a trained technician in this field, matches the coloring of Pfc. William Babcock's remaining eye so accurately that they will be indistinguishable.

Eye —

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more nearly normal than with glass eyes.

Plastic eyes will outlast the glass in the ratio of three to one and are very resistant to breakage. In addition they can be repaired or repolished easily.

The color of the iris is obtained by painting with oils on a cellulose acetate disk, accurately matched to the color and appearance of the patient's remaining eye. Thus, the addition of the veins and blood vessels produce a truly lifelike effect.

Jane Lilly HAlc, trained as a technician in this art at the Bethesda Medical Center, does this exact and delicate work here.

Lt. Cmdr. Davies was a member of the first class of five Naval Officers who were trained in this work at Bethesda. Since then, five more have been trained so that prosthesis of this nature is now available at three large hospitals on the west coast, at Great Lakes, and in New York, Philadelphia, Bethesda, and Norfolk.

Dr. Davies graduated in 1934 from the University of Utah, where he also gained renown on the gridiron. He took his dental work at the University of California and his first assignment in the Navy was at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. Twenty-two months aboard the USS Idaho and tours of duty at Corona and Washington, preceded his assignment.

Promotions

Congratulations go to the following staff officers who have recently received promotions: Mr. Wilfred D. A. Robichau, Lt. (jg) to Lt.; Mr. Melvin A. Comstock, Chief Pharmacist to Ensign; Mr. Leo Foster, CPhM to Pharmacist.

Scuttlebutt

Pharmacy's four bad boys got one break at least. . . All they had to do to muster in was to shout across the room.

What's **Scotty** going to do, now that she's lost her boy friend to that nasty old Medical District Office?

We hear that **Dad Lindsey** is being awakened at night by a strange man.

History repeats itself. . . "Speak for yourself, John Alden," said **Jean Rosenthal** demurely and figuratively, and **Jimmy Mehl** sure did. . . The third party in the triangle was "Miles Standish **Gaines**."

The bitter with the sweet. . . The same day **Dorothy Mitchell** got her engagement ring she dropped her tray of chow and hit the deck herself. . . Perhaps she was upset.

Tony the cook has been trying to improve his culinary technique. . . He's interested in a sweet dish from L. A.

That ECG Party must have been quite a shindig. . . For details check with **Peterson** or the Marines at the gate.

The Navy's

Independence Day War Bond Drive is now in full swing and according to the Security Officer, \$7,490 has already been invested by prudent servicemen in the world's best buy and safest investment. Have you bought yours yet?

Stress Importance Of Bond Drive

It has been announced that the coming Navy Independence Day Cash War Bond Sale, June 22 through July 7, 1945, will be the last Navy "Extra" War Bond campaign, thus emphasizing the importance for all naval personnel to back up the drive strongly.

The Navy's established method of systematic saving through the payroll savings and bond allotment plans will continue to be accentuated. It is through these regular mediums that 78 per cent of the Navy's grand total of \$1,200,000,000 War Savings Bonds have been purchased.

Currently over 93 per cent of all civilian employees are investing 11 per cent of their gross pay and 58 per cent of all officers and enlisted personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard have bond allotments. Under this system the Navy family is salting away \$44,000,000 a month in Series "E" War Bonds alone.

Housing Shortage Still Acute in Bay Area

In a recent AlNav the congestion and severe shortage of housing and community facilities that exists in the vicinity of all Naval shore establishments has again been emphasized.

Insofar as possible the Navy has programmed housing for families of Naval Personnel but it is not possible to fulfill all needs. While some areas are more crowded than others, all personnel are urged to make definite housing arrangements before bringing their families to the vicinity of any Naval shore establishment.

San Leandro Band Brings Concert

San Leandro's High School Band, 75-strong, gave a concert in Oak Knoll's amphitheatre on Monday afternoon, June 11. An appreciative audience and patients in nearby wards were regaled with a program of classical and martial airs.

The colorfully costumed band was under the baton of the school's director of music, Mr. Charles Way, and the program included the William Tell Overture, American Patrol, and At the Gremlin Ball.

Contributing vocally to the afternoon's entertainment was the high school's Girls Glee Club.

Basic Geology Course Offered by E.S.D.

A two-week's short course in Basic Geology, including lecture, laboratory work, and field trips will be offered by the Educational Services Dept., beginning Monday, June 18. There will be two sections, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The course will be taught by Sgt. H. A. Pearce, and the facilities of the University of California Geology Dept. will be available to registrants in the course. The morning section will meet from 0900 to 1100, and the afternoon section from 1300 to 1500, daily, except Saturday and Sunday. Admission will be free, and registration should be made at once in the E.S.D. Men interested should be assigned to the ED. Rehab. program for the life of the course.



These reflections on ward life are the work of HA1c John R. Biel Jr., a patient on Ward 54. Biel was with the Fifth Marines on Iwo Jima and was hit twice, the second time while being evacuated in a jeep. His home is in Dearborn, Michigan, and at the time he entered the Navy he was a student in Wayne University, Detroit.

Educational Services

Recognize the Enemy!!

Ship and aircraft recognition film strips are now available in the Code Room of the Pre-Vocational Training Building. In addition, actual ship and plane models and identification posters will test your knowledge of enemy and Allied planes.

Automatic rating machines (which operate on the pin-ball machine principle) contain sets of cards covering not only recognition teasers but a number of other Navy training subjects. One of these machines is permanently available in the Educational Services office, and the remaining six are free for ward use. Call Extension 164.

New Geology Classes

On Monday, 18 June, a geology class will commence in the Pre-Vocational Training Building. In addition to field trips, lecture, and laboratory work, the facilities of the Geology Department of the University of California will be utilized. There will be two sections of the class so that those on both morning and afternoon Rehabilitation details can be provided for. Sign up now in the Educational Services Office, topside Marine Detachment Building.

Special Interest Programs

Time: 0900-1100.

Place: Topside of the Dental Clinic.

Schedule for 18 June-22 June follows:

18 June—Lecture and discussion: "The Post-War Dairy Industry," Mr. E. G. Van Hoesen (Carnation Milk Co.).

19 June—Round Table Series: "Russia Today," Lt. J. C. Payne (Educational Services). Movie: "Battle for Russia."

21 June—Lecture and discussion: "Possibilities in Commercial Aviation," Mr. Clarence E. Bennett (United Air Lines). Supplementary film and slides.

22 June—Current Events: "News Developments," Lt. J. C. Payne (Educational Services). Movie: "High Plain."

Then there was the dentist's daughter who ran around with the worst set in town.

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"My wife says that if I don't give up drinking she'll leave me."

"That's going to be pretty hard, isn't it?"

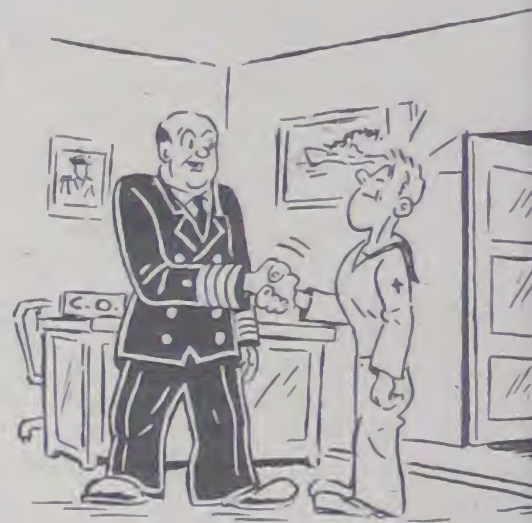
"Yes, I'll miss her."

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The pastor was examining one of the younger classes and asked, "What are the sins of omission?"

After a silence, one young lady offered, "Please, sir, they're the sins we ought to have committed and haven't."

Well Done!



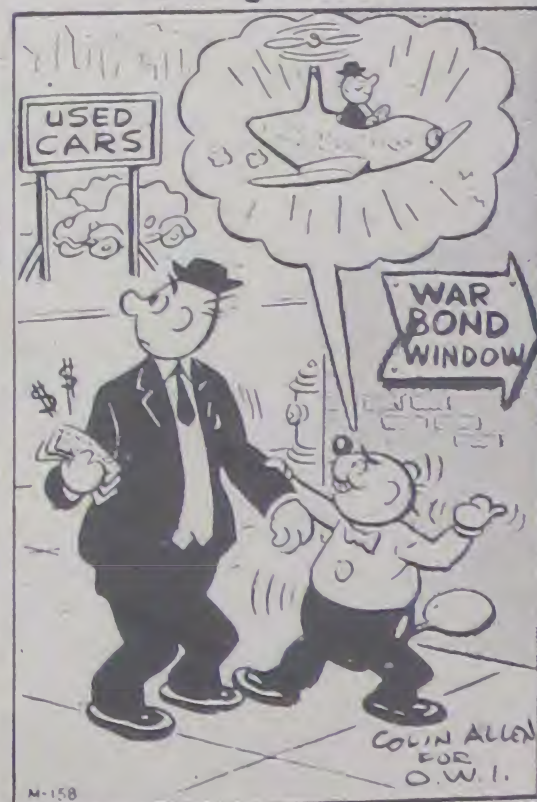
The Medical Officer in Command extends a "Well Done" to the Officer and Enlisted Personnel who participated in the Presentation of Medals Ceremony on 2 June for the improvement shown in the smartness of the drill maneuvers at the ceremony.

Patient Has Birthday Party on Ward



Saipan veteran Pfc. Frank Howard was treated to a surprise birthday party on June 1 in Ward 43A when the Red Cross lady brought in a large novel cake made in the form of a letter. A Pueblo, Colorado resident, Frank has been a patient at Oak Knoll for almost a year.

The Eager Beaver



Off the Bookshelf

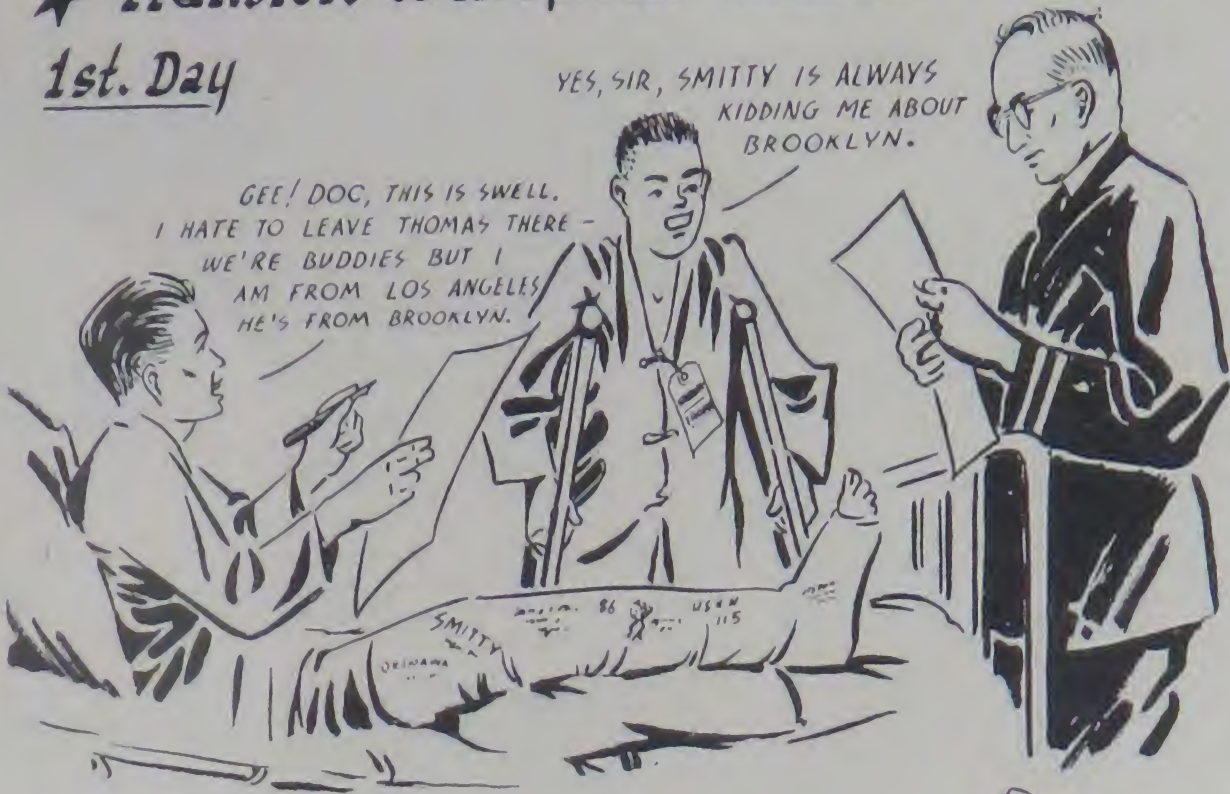
Did you know that more than 60 per cent of the books borrowed from the library are selected from the book trucks which visit the wards? Of the 12,352 books borrowed during May, 7,795 or 63 per cent were loaned by the floating libraries. The other 37 per cent were borrowed by ambulatory patients and staff. Three times the number of books were borrowed May of this year as in May, 1944, when 4,008 were circulated. Ward 63 borrowed 547 books during May, and Ward 40, 506 books. Over four hundred books in each ward were loaned to patients in Wards 44, 42, 47, and 74. Wards 41, 46, 49, 60, 68, 75, and 76 borrowed over three hundred each. Wards 61, 64, 66, 71, 77, 80 read between two and three hundred books, each, during the same month.

New Fiction

- Cohen: *Danger in Paradise*. (Swift-moving story about the night club world.)
- Crabb: *Breakfast at the Hermitage*. (The third in a series of novels about old Nashville.)
- Godden: *Take Three Tenses*. (A novel covering the life of an English family for a hundred years.)
- Kielland: *Shape of Danger*. (Story of the Norwegian underground.)
- Kirkbride: *Winds, Blow Gently*. (Story of a Quaker family between 1921 and 1931.)
- Kroll: *Fury in the Earth*. (A Missouri earthquake in 1811 is the high point of this novel of frontier days.)
- Moody: *Sleep in the Sun*. (A novel about California Mexicans.)
- O'Hara: *Pipe Night*. (Short stories.)
- Peeples: *Swing Low*. (An Atlanta story of a black man's fight for decency.)
- Prokosch: *Age of Thunder*. (The thrilling story of a secret passage by night across occupied France.)
- Sylvester: *Dayspring*. (A novel about a young anthropologist who comes to New Mexico to investigate the sect known as the Penitentes.)
- Train: *Mr. Tutt Finds A Way*. (More stories about the clever old lawyer.)
- Wickenden: *The Wayfarers*. (A novel of family life.)

★ Transfers to hospitals "Nearest Home"

1st. Day



28 days later



This cartoon is the work of Phom3c Franklin Gritts, a casualty from the Aircraft Carrier USS Franklin and recently a patient here. In the next issue of the *Oak Leaf* his vivid experiences aboard the Franklin as told in his drawings will be featured. P. S.: Phom3c went to Farragut, Idaho, from here.

Willoughby: *The Golden Totem*. (Gold mining in present-day Alaska.)

Yardley: *Crows Are Black Everywhere*. (A novel of international intrigue in Chungking.)

New Who-dun-its

- Coxe: *The Fade Venus*.
Footner: *Orchids to Murder*.
Ford: *The Philadelphia Murder Story*.
King: *The Deadly Dove*.
Lewis: *The Birthday Murder*.
Marsh: *Died in the Wool*.

New Westerns

- Field: *The Road to Laramie*.
Gregory: *The Hermit of Thunder King*.

Medical Shorthand

Classes for staff personnel, meeting at 1530 in the Educational Services Office, will be held daily except Saturday and Sunday, commencing 20 June.

Ordinary commercial speed is required for admittance to this class which will be taught by a chief yeoman who was formerly a court reporter and who has taken up medical shorthand as a hobby.

Call Extension 164.

Parade Rest

Gunnery Sgt. S. Ferrantino, USMC.

This week the detachment welcomed aboard Warrant Officer Bernard R. Dumas, Corp. Raymond R. Brazil, Pfc. Franklin E. Wade, Pfc. Neil J. Weber and Pfc. Calvin D. Whisnant, all five came here from "Mumu mountain" Klamath Falls, Ore. Sgt. William A. Van Deventer also reported for duty, leaving Guam far behind.

Last week a few of the eager-beavers in the first platoon found that drill COULD be done two ways. . . The easy way, and the military way! Tsk, Tsk, an hour is 60 minutes long.

Someone left the wind gauge open again. Sgt. "Windy" Corn who knows ALL the gals in the Personnel Office, was telling Sgt. Maj. Brown very confidentially that he could get the "scoop" on anything that went on up in the Administration Bldg. "How do you do it?" asked the Sgt. Maj. "Oh that's easy," replied Windy. "This gal whose name is written right here on this piece of paper always calls me up, and she gives me all the dope." The gal whose name was written on that piece of paper was ANGINA PECTORIS. . .

The Marine Detachment team triumphed over the Convalescent Training team Monday evening in an exciting extra inning game. Final score: Marines 9, Convalescent Training 8. Credit for the winning run was given to Corp. McGregor.

NOTES FOR MARINE PATIENTS: Clothing issues will be made to all ambulatory patients immediately after their affidavits are received by the Marine Detachment office. Bed patients do not receive clothing. Clothing requisition slips are issued by the Quartermaster Department, which is located next door to the Marine Detachment office. The issuing hours are from 0930 to 1100 and from 1330 to 1500 daily. The Q.M. office can be reached by telephone: Extension 291.

A sailor and his girl were riding in the country on horseback. As they stopped for a rest, the two horses rubbed necks affectionately. "Ah, me," sighed the sailor, "that's what I'd like to do." "Well, go ahead," the girl replied. "Its your horse."



The Sporting Scene

Softball Team Nears District Title

Oak Knoll's Softballers, consistent winners all season, advanced another step closer to the 12th Naval District title, when they edged out Treasure Island 3 to 1 on Friday, June 8. The game featured the unveiling of a promising hurler for the local team in the person of PhM2c Jesse Velma,



Dominelli takes a mighty swing at the elusive pill before singling to drive in two of Oak Knoll's three runs garnered against the Treasure Island Hospital team.

whose fast ball mowed down the opposition in the last four innings. Rosenberger and Ferguson was the opening battery for the Oaks and the first inning was scoreless. In the second inning after a sensational catch of Lindsey's line drive by the T. I. second baseman, a walk and an error put two men on base and Dominelli drove them home with a single to center field. Velma took over the pitching chores in the fourth and displayed good control and a nice fast ball. The last of the fifth saw Oak Knoll scoring its third run when Ferguson's long fly ball scored Postula. In the seventh inning, Treasure Island, whose only previous offensive threat was a triple in the third, scored its only run. With Cook on base, Atwell doubled and Ellertson singled to bring home the run, after which Oak Knoll squelched the rally to take the game.

The score:

	r	h
T. I.	0	0
Oak Knoll	3	1

High Bowlers of the Week

Men	
Single—Manaushagin	241
Double—Winters	457
Triple—Manaushagin	635
Women	
Single—Storey	209
Double—Storey	383
Triple—Storey	534

Hardball Team Wins Second

Oak Knoll's improving baseball team won its second game of the year by defeating the 12th Naval District Headquarters team 7 to 4 on June 6. Timely hitting and good fielding featured the play of the hospital's representatives. Catalano came through with the fielding gem of the game on a running catch of Grizzel's fly in the sixth inning.

Here's the box score:

Oak Knoll			
	ab	r	h
Hunsinger, ss	4	1	2
Lake, 2b	3	0	0
Felix, 3b	4	0	1
Zimmer, lf	3	1	0
Meehan, 1b	4	1	1
Reakes, rf	4	2	1
Picariello, cf	0	1	0
Catalano, cf	2	0	0
Jackson, c	4	1	3
Williams, p	4	0	1
12th Naval District			
	ab	r	h
Tice, 2b	3	1	0
Campbell, rf	3	1	1
Gaebe, 3b	4	0	0
Brown, c	3	1	1
Dahlstrom, lf	2	1	0
Grizzel, 1b	3	0	2
McManus, ss	3	0	1
Matthews, cf	3	0	0
Heitman, p	3	0	0

Score by innings:

Oak Knoll	1	2	0	0	0	1	3	—7
Hdqtrs.	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	—3

Nurses Trounce Shoemaker

The combined Nurse and Cadet Nurse Softball team played at Shoemaker on Thursday, June 7, and won handily by an 11 to 6 score. The game was tied 6-6 up to the fifth inning but then our girls broke loose to put the game on ice.

Lt. (jg) Brown pitched her usual dependable game and Ens. Warner caught. A threat both at bat and afield, Ens. Reese sparked the team with her bang-up performance at third base.

The team is looking forward to games in the near future with their arch-rival, Treasure Island—games which should produce considerable fireworks.

Golf Tournament Planned

A Novice Golf Tournament for women has been scheduled to begin Monday, June 18. All those interested should see Ruth Anundson in the Recreation Office, top-side Ship's Service Building, for details.

Waves Edge Out Pointers 4-1

Our Wave Softballers took on the Hunters Point Waves on their opponent's diamond Monday, June 11 and emerged victors by a 4 to 1 count.

Play was featured by second baseman Jean Dennison's phenomenal catch of a line drive which she converted into a double play. Catcher Young sparked the team offensively with the only home run of the game.

Reichenbach pitched a steady game aided materially by the



Marie Bevilacqua of the civilian Office team got two hits in the Women's League game which they lost to the Port Waves by a score of 26-6 on Friday, June 8.

tight defensive play of her battery mate, Young, first baseman G. Thompson and second baseman Dennison.

Bowlers End Season In Third Place

The Station bowling team finished its season in the 12th Naval District Bowling League in third place, defeating T. I. Dispensary in final round play in three straight games. The score was 2769 to 2150.

Charley Winters was especially hot, setting a new triple record for the league by rolling a neat 627, aided by an elegant 241 in his first game. The other men were also in good form, Reakes hitting the maples for 572, Felix 534, King 521, and Haynie 515.

Only two games out of first place at the end of the season's play, their final standing was 15 wins and nine losses.

The team is now anxiously awaiting the 12th Naval District Tournament to be held at San Bruno about June 20. If they can do as well in the tournament as they did their last time out, they will give the other teams something to worry about.

Women's Compound Softball League

With the Starboard Waves beating the Cadet Nurses 7-4, the Port Waves trouncing the Office Civilians 26-6, and the Cadets and Nurses both profiting by defaults, season play in the Women's Compound Softball League was well under way.

Following are the standings in the league at this time:

Port Waves	2	0
Starboard Waves	2	0
Cadet Nurses	1	1
Nurses	1	1
Office Civilians	0	2
Red Cross	0	2

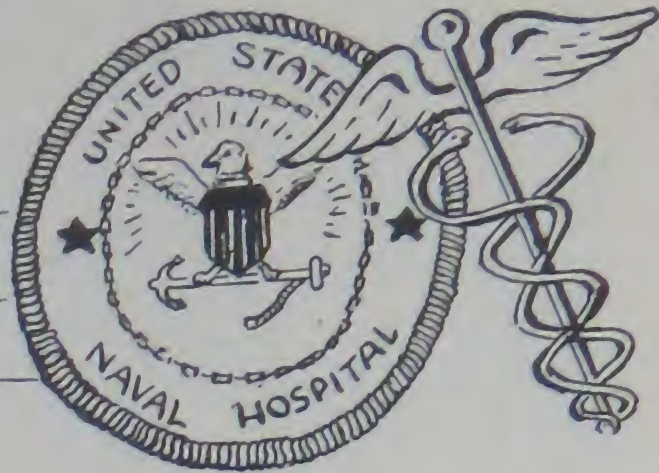
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By Penberthy



"Ever drink torpedo juice, mate?"

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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 23 June, 1945

Softball, Baseball Teams Click in Pennant Races

Here's Peek at Conference For Readers of Oak Leaf

Last Tuesday, Chaplain Howard Pitts, Oak Leaf Editor, attended a public commission meeting of the San Francisco Conference. Here is his play-by-play account:

"Oh, the green ticket? Just a minute." I juggle my packages and dig up the other card. "O.K.?" I pass through the line of policemen, hurriedly climb the marble stairs and present my credentials to civilians, MPs, and ladies of the AWVS.

The elevator takes me to the second deck (the term "deck" seems out of place in the lush majesty of the War Memorial Opera House). I wade through the thick red and gold carpet, enter the Grand Tier and find my seat. The silvery sheen of the modernistic lighting fixture in the ceiling is only outshone by the colorful stage.

Scene Is Impressive

Against a rich, blue backdrop, four square orange columns suggest the simple solidness on which the conference must build. A solid row of flags—a dashing array of reds, blues, greens, yellows and whites—fill the lower part of the space between the pillars. Each nation's colors are arranged alphabetically as are the delegates themselves.

Below the flags is the long, pastel-blue presiding officer's table, where the chairman and four associates are seated.

In the foreground below is the speaker's rostrum covered with "mikes." The soft buff walls of the opera house blend well with the "World's Fair" type of setting. The crowd mills around and leisurely finds its seats. A jolly, little man from China is anxiously perched on the seat directly in front of me.

Suddenly the lower floor is flooded with light without warning. The dignitaries file in and take their places. There is no international anthem, no invocation. The chairman simply begins. The English, French, and Spanish interpreters follow every speaker. Large numbers in the balconies and many down below are obviously not familiar with all the languages used. They chat quietly among themselves while the more linguistic strain to catch every word.

Syndicate photographers move freely about taking shots that will never be used, unless something big pops. The gentleman in the next seat introduces himself and I soon learn that he is the father of an old buddy of mine. Small world. He points out the lady in the black hat as the daughter of Woodrow Wilson, and somehow this makes the atmosphere seem a little more secure.

Committees Report

The delegates are going into action again. A gentleman from Peru has raised some question. The committee chairman is answering him. John Foster Dulles' criticisms are mentioned. Apparently that matter is worked out with little fuss. Now Committee 1 retires and four members of Committee 2 rise to fill their seats. These are: An Arabian delegate, wearing a long, brown, silken robe, and a white turban with a black band; a woman who looks like she might be English; an Oriental; and a Latin American.

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Softballers Halt Leandro Streak

Oak Knoll's crack softballers practically clinched the second round title in 12th Naval District play when they trounced their main contender, San Leandro, 3 to 1, on Friday, June 15. Winner in both halves of the season, Oak Knoll posed a pretty problem for league officials to figure out in arranging a title play-off.

Hilltoppers Score First

With Velma, Oak Knoll's recent pitching find, handling the hurling for the local squad, the game developed into a tight pitcher's battle until the first of the fifth when San Leandro broke through to score a run on a triple and a single. At that point in the game it looked like an awfully big run with the Hilltoppers functioning smoothly.

The valley men struck back in the last of the fifth when Welsh

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Veteran Returns In Civilian Role

The growing work of the Veterans Administration at Oak Knoll has resulted in the addition of another contact representative to handle the work. He is Mr. Forrest F. Poore, who comes from the Regional Office and he will work with Mr. Willard in their office in the Marine Detachment Building.

Mr. Poore is no stranger to Oak Knoll as he was here as a patient in 1943 and received a medical discharge from the Marines in August of that year. Serving aboard the cruiser USS San Francisco he fought with his ship at Guadalcanal, Savo Island, Rabaul, and was aboard when Rear Admiral Callahan was killed.

With his background of experience and training he should be able to help get servicemen well started on their civilian careers. Mr. and Mrs. Poore have their home in Oakland and are the proud parents of a nine-months-old girl.

Pirates Trounce NSD Squad 9-7

Oak Knoll's baseballers, smarting from a series of early season defeats, surged ahead in last week's play to chalk up their third and fourth wins in the last five games. The Pirates swamped the Moffett Field Flyers, 6-2, on Wednesday, June 13, and then went on to edge out Oakland Naval Supply Depot, 9-7, on Sunday, June 17.

Pirates Get 14 Hits

Against the Flyers, the hospital team combed the offerings of Livingston and Baer for 14 hits, including four doubles and one triple. Meehan, Pirate first sack-

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Dry Season Fire Danger Stressed by Chief Royce

With the coming of the dry season, Chief Royce, head of Oak Knoll's Fire Department, has emphasized the fire hazard and asks all personnel to exercise extreme care.

Dry grass in particular constitutes a grave fire hazard during the present season and care should be taken that all matches and cigarettes are deposited in the proper receptacles.

Weekend Attractions

Fri., June 22—1715-1930.

Those Endearing Young Charms, with Robert Young and Laraine Day.

Sat., June 23—1715-1930.

Keeper of the Flame, with Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy.

Sun., June 24—1715-1930.

Boston Blackie Booked on Suspicion, with Chester Morris and Lynn Merrick.

Mon., June 25—1730.

The Fighting Guardsman, with Willard Parker and Anita Louise.

Mon., June 25—2030.

Patient Dance, sponsored by Navy Mothers.

Press a Button—

And have a movie! The newly-arrived self-operating Cabinet Projector is available to all staff and patient personnel in room 102, Educational Services Office. Movies may be seen anytime (outside of the regularly scheduled Rehabilitation hours) until 2100 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and until 1630 Wednesday and Saturday.

The Oak Leaf

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• Oh, This Weather

As usual, the weather is a favorite topic of conversation. For most places in the nation this would be "normal" late-June heat. For the Bay area, however, it is indeed torrid. Electric fans are scarce as hen's teeth, and the swimming holes are crowded.

But (need we be reminded?) the job at hand is as great as it ever was. Doctors and nurses cannot let down. And patients need the care of cheerful and responsible corpsmen even more than in days of greater comfort.

Old Sol may not know it, but he is bringing out some of our finest qualities. We'll do our job, weather or not, because ours is that kind of a hospital.

• What DO We Think?

A lot of civilian newspapers can give you all the answers: "G. I. Joe Prepares to Re-enter School," "Sailors Seek Government Reforms," "No Atheists in Foxholes," "Isolationism Denounced by Servicemen," "Servicemen Are Racially Intolerant." But for each of these views there are plenty in our ranks who take opposite positions.

Some people generalize about our sober thoughts, others denounce our indifference. Some say we are still "civilians in uniform" and others accuse us of having ceased thinking. Any way you look at it, anyone is foolish to do much generalizing about our thoughts.

What *are* we thinking? Most of us are in a better environment for sound and careful deliberation than we will be in the future. To read, to write letters, to philosophize, to meditate, to share our thoughts—these are our privileges now.

There are some whose whole careers are being remolded here on this compound. Patients are developing new interests and broadening their horizons. New determinations are forming to make their lives meaningful in the total scheme of things.

In a like manner, many staff members are enjoying new hobbies, getting together in groups, just for the fun of it, and reading books about social problems and world reconstruction, in order that they might have an important job in the world of tomorrow.

What are you thinking these days? This paper would like to print some of your answers.

Conference—

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Charles Eaton, U. S. delegate, now has the floor. He reminds the delegates that theirs is the important task of building a world brotherhood. Lord Cranborne of the United Kingdom, then gives a concise survey of the committee's work. His is the most constructive speech of the day. He tells of the cooperative spirit, and necessary conciliations, and the delicate issues at stake in his committee. He mentions the controversial subject of women's equality, which the committee has affirmed.

Now comes the fireworks. Ambassador Quintanilla of Mexico

takes the rostrum to make a passionate plea that Franco Spain and all states that "have been established with the help of enemy military forces" be prohibited from ever becoming members of the new world security organization. Delegates of nine nations in fiery and eloquent oratory rise to support his statement. Again and again the crowd breaks in with applause. Frequently President Roosevelt's name is mentioned by the speakers. The anti-Franco declaration is approved without dissent.

The meeting is adjourned. In a few seconds the house is empty. This meeting had lasted nearly four hours. The Commission would meet again after chow.

Lt. Crosier Added to Staff Of Legal Assistance Office

With the demand for its services growing rapidly, the Legal Assistance Office on June 5 added to its staff Lt. Russell L. Crosier, formerly a lawyer in Cleburne, Texas, and a veteran of 22 months' sea duty. He will head a staff of licensed attorneys, which already includes Lt. (Jg) George E. Thomas and PhM3c Pete E. Turner, all of whom have had several years' practice of law as civilians.

For the information of servicemen with legal problems, Lt. Crosier enumerated some of the types of work handled by this department. They include wills, power of attorney, contracts, affidavits of all kinds, domestic problems, and legal aid in personal injury cases.

He stressed the fact, however, that they are authorized to give advice and handle all legal matters of a civil nature only up to the point of filing suit. If court action is found necessary, the case is turned over to the Legal Aid Society for further action.

To facilitate this civilian phase of the legal work, on Monday, June 11, Lt. Smalley of the District Legal Office and two prominent Alameda County lawyers

conferred at the hospital with the members of the Legal Assistance Office. They were Mr. Elson L. Jones, Secretary of the Alameda County Bar Association, and Mr. Homer Buckley, Chairman of the War Work Committee for that organization.

Numerous referrals are turned over to these public-spirited lawyers of the Alameda County Bar Association, who handle the case for the minimum legal charges in keeping with the serviceman's income. The Legal Assistance Office itself handles an average of 50 interviews a week.

The Legal Assistance Office is located on the top deck of the Post Office Building and all Oak Knollers with problems of a legal nature are invited to consult them.

It Is Reported

That \$16,683.75 has been invested here in the Navy's Independence Day War Bond Drive and the total is climbing steadily. Have you put some of your extra cash to work for your country and for you?

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Religious Indifference

There is no distinction between truth and error, right and wrong; everything depends upon your point of view. All values are relative. When expedient, moral conventions can be accepted; when a hindrance, they can be rejected. There are no objective moral standards, and hence no absolute distinction between good and evil. Everyone is his own law-giver; everyone is his own judge. Such is the superstition of Relativism.

This notion that there is no absolute distinction between right and wrong, stems in this country from the philosophy of Pragmatism. This philosophy denies that God is an Absolute; it judges truth not by its consistency, nor by its correspondence with reality, but by its utility. In the words of one of its best known exponents, "The 'true' is only the expedient in the way of thinking, just as the 'right' is only the expedient in the way of our behaving, expedient in almost any fashion." In other words, whatever succeeds is right.

Can we not see that in abandoning the moral basis of life we abandon the right to call anyone wrong. What moral standards are the Japs violating, if the criterion of truth and righteousness is expediency? Why do we say that Japan has violated the conscience of the world, if the conscience of the world has no other measure than the useful? If there is no objective distinction between right and wrong, how can our enemy be wrong? How can we be right?

We will either get back to God and His objective moral law or we will perish.

CHAPLAIN LEONARD A. KELLY.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, H. S. Pitts, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.
Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 0900; Divine Services, 1030; Vespers, 1800.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.
Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Dental Clinic Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
L. D. S. (Mormon). Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

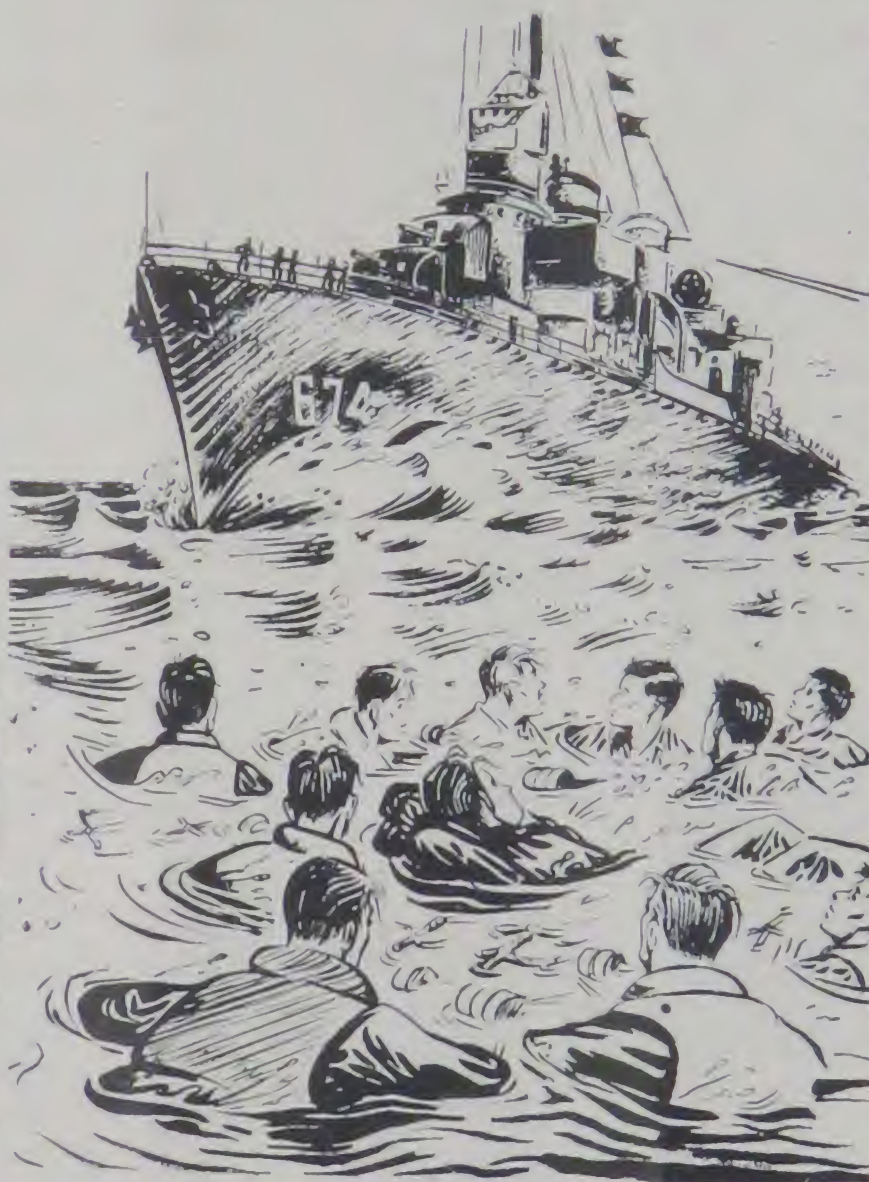
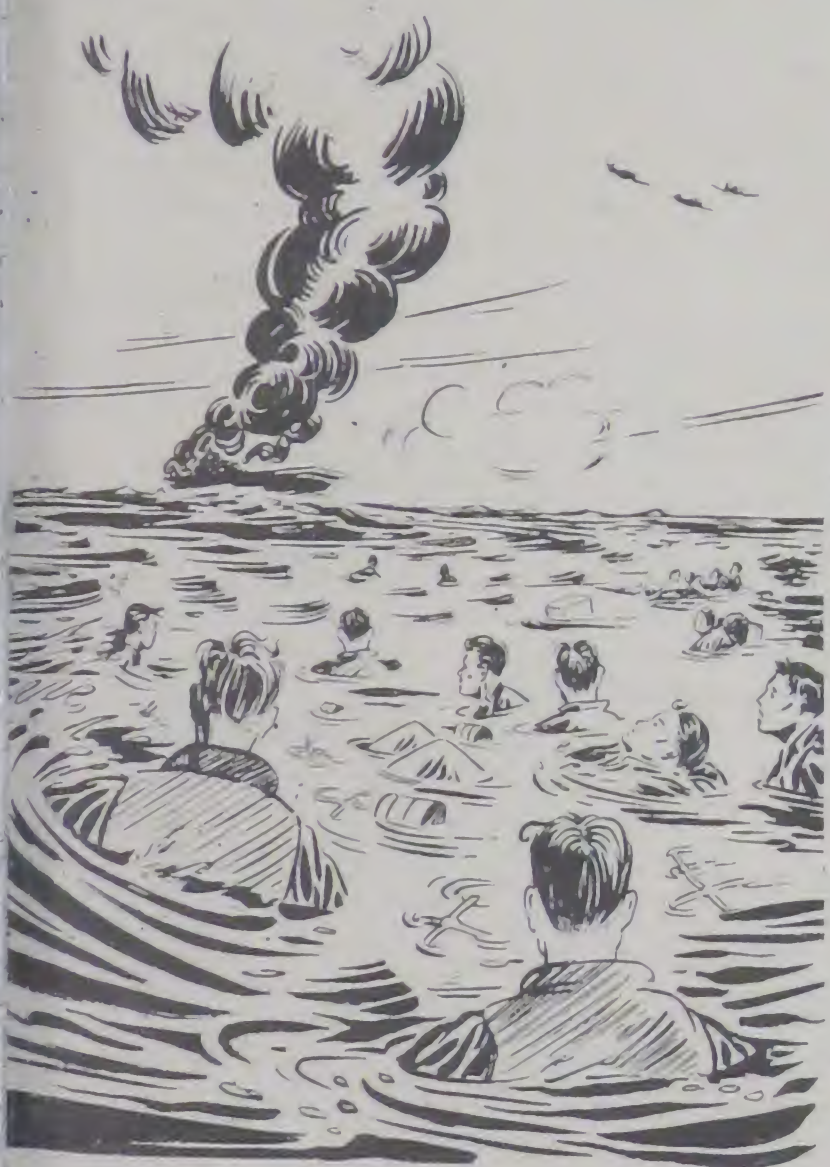
Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, J. P. Corley.
Sunday Mass—0630 in Chapel; 0900 and 1100 in Auditorium.
Weekday Mass—0645 and 1630.
Confessions Before all Masses.
Novena—Benediction Wednesdays, 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel send in names to the Chaplain.

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Patient Depicts Dramatic Story of USS Franklin



PhoM3c Franklin Gritts, recent patient at Oak Knoll, was aboard the mighty aircraft carrier USS Franklin when she was bombed. He has portrayed his experiences on that memorable day and here, in his own words, is his story:

Flight Deck Scene (upper left)—The morning of March 19 greeted us through an overcast sky as we stood at our respective General Quarters Stations. The night had been one of little sleep because of frequent calls to torpedo defense and Battle Stations.

Many of us were relieved for now when condition 3 (indicating no enemy planes near) was issued. However, most of the air de-

partment remained at flight quarters launching planes.

As I returned from chow and was nearing an open hatch in a passageway there was a blinding orange flash and explosion which knocked me to the deck, breaking my leg and singeing my hands. Just seconds previous to taking this short cut to the photo lab I had kidded with friends in the chow line on the hanger deck, all of whom were killed in the blast.

Dark Passageway Scene (upper center)—Fresh air and light poured through the hole as the piece of mattress was removed and we began to revive from the suffocating, dark, smoke-filled passageway in

which we had been trapped. Where the other two fellows came from and why they were dressed only in shorts and shoes I'll never know.

Port Hole Scene (upper right)—When I stuck my head out to escape, more explosions began and I saw men jumping and being blown into the water. I slid down the hose hanging nearby onto a life net which floated nearby and placed myself in a prone position in the center of the net. Soon I had many more passengers with me who hung to the side of the net.

Burning Carrier Scene (lower left)—"There goes Big Ben," we said, as she turned and headed

towards Japan with ammunition, bombs, rockets, and planes exploding on her.

Destroyer Scene (lower center)—The destroyer loomed majestically. We didn't think a can could look so beautiful. We had been in the water three hours when she pulled us aboard. Hot coffee and cigarettes were given to all who wanted them; tourniquets and morphine for all who needed them. We were only a few of the 400-odd this destroyer fished out of the sea.

Three of us were transferred from the destroyer to a larger ship because facilities were greater there for giving us needed care,

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Off the Bookshelf

"Bird, beast, or fish?"—if you are interested in any of them, the hospital Library has books for you.

Dog Stories or Stories With Dogs in Them

Bachelor: *The Winds of God*.
 Bayliss: *The Bolinvars*.
 Bell: *Swamp Water*.
 Curwood: *Country Beyond*.
 Curwood: *Kazan*.
 Curwood: *Nomads of the North*.
 Downey: *Dog of War*.
 Goodman: *Fireside Book of Dog Stories*.
 Douglas: *Green Light*.
 Doyle: *Hound of the Baskervilles*.
 Finger: *Dog at His Heel*.
 Fox: *Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come*.
 Gardner: *The Case of the Howling Dog*.
 Goodman: *Fireside Book of Dog Stories*.
 Gray: *Dawgs*.
 Gray: *Favorite Stories About Horses and Dogs*.
 Hinkle: *Dusty*.
 Kantor: *Voice of Bugle Ann*.
 Knight: *Lassie Come Home*.
 London: *Call of the Wild*.
 London: *Jerry of the Islands*.
 London: *Michael, Brother of Jerry*.
 London: *White Fang*.
 Nathan: *Tapiola's Brave Regiment*.
 O'Brien: *Silver Chief, Dog of the North*.
 Ollivant: *Bob, Son of Battle*.
 Rohan: *Rags*.
 Salten: *Renni*.
 Santee: *The Pooch*.
 Shurtleff: *AWOL, K-9 Commando*.
 Stern: *Ugly Daschund*.
 Stuart: *Mongrel Mettle*.
 Tarkington: *Penrod*.
 Terhune: *Heart of a Dog*.
 Terhune: *Lad*.
 Terhune: *Treve*.
 Walpole: *Jeremy*.

Bears, Elephants, Camels and Others

Benchley: *My Friends the Apes*.
 Benchley: *My Life in a Man-Made Jungle*. (The San Diego zoo.)
 Cahalane: *Meeting the Mammals*.
 Carrighan: *One Day on Beetle Rock*.
 Ditmars: *Strange Animals I Have Known*.
 Ditmars: *Thrills of a Naturalist's Quest*.
 Ditmars: *Wild Animal World*.
 Hogner: *The Animal Book*.
 Richards: *Life With Alice: 40 Years of Elephant Adventures*.
 Rush: *Wild Animals of the Rockies*.
 Sanderson: *Animal Treasure*.
 Sanderson: *Living Treasure*.
 Weigall: *Laura Was My Camel*.

Birds

Butler: *Birds Around the Year*.
 Cothren: *Pigeon Heroes; Birds of War and Messengers of Peace*.
 Heilner: *Our American Game Birds*.

Lt. Critchlow Is Commended By District Office

Lt. Harold S. Critchlow, Benefits and Insurance Officer here, was commended in the 12th Naval District Insurance Bulletin for June, 1945, for the outstanding work he has done.

During the month of May, when 171 persons reported aboard, \$402,000 insurance was written on patients and ship's company. Four hundred thirty-one persons who were discharged or returned to active duty were given personal interviews and a lecture on the benefits of National Service Life Insurance.

Credit also goes to Bertha C. Houston, PhM3c, and Betty Sutton, PhM3c, for their fine cooperation. Their enthusiasm and understanding has done much to promote full insurance coverage for all at the hospital.

Evacuation Planes Will Serve Cooked Meals

Installation of special stoves in air evacuation planes flying the Pacific will allow flight hospital corpsmen to serve patients hot meals pre-cooked and fast-frozen in this country.

The new process making such meals possible, has been in operation on the Atlantic Wing, NATS for some time and has been so successful that installations are being made on hospital planes. Menus include meats and two vegetables, cooked and fast-frozen on a single plate which is heated in the special stove. Meals are ready in 15 minutes. Special menus for wounded men will be provided.

Rear Admiral Lyle Gets New Dentistry Post

Rear Admiral Alexander G. Lyle (DC) USN has been named Assistant for Dentistry in Bumed and will direct all functions of the Dentistry Division and the Office of Inspector of Dental Activities.

Hoffman: *Birds of the Pacific States*.

Mayr: *Birds of the Southwest Pacific*.

National Geographic Society: *The Book of Birds*.

Peterson: *A Field Guide to Western Birds*.

Sutton: *Birds in the Wilderness*.

Reptiles and Snakes

Ditmars: *Reptiles of the World*.
 Pope: *Snakes Alive*.

Fish and Underwater Life

Ashley: *The Yankee Whaler*.
 Beebe: *Beneath Tropic Seas*.
 Beebe: *Half Mile Down*.
 Beebe: *Nonsuch: Land of Water*.
 Bodfish: *Chasing the Bowhead*.
 Breder: *Field Book of Marine Fishes of the Atlantic Coast*.

Attention, Chemists!

Dr. T. K. Cleveland from the Philadelphia Quartz Co. will visit the hospital for an informal discussion of post-war chemical developments. Dr. Cleveland will supplement his talk with samples of plastics and other chemical materials. He will also be available to answer questions regarding employment opportunities in the chemical field. Come discuss your plans Monday, 25 June, at 0900, topside of the Dental Clinic.

Commendation Goes to Rear Admiral Sheldon

Rear Admiral Luther Sheldon, Jr. (MC) USN, District Medical Officer, 5th Naval District, has been awarded a Letter of Commendation for exceptionally meritorious performance of duty as assistant to the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, from June, 1940, to November, 1944.

"By his broad vision, professional integrity and tireless efforts in discharging the responsibilities of this important duty, Rear Admiral Sheldon rendered immeasurable assistance to the Chief of the Bureau in rapidly expanding hospital facilities within the Continental United States and at Advance Bases to meet the requirements of increased activities in the Navy and Marine Corps.

"His profound understanding and meticulous care in handling the problems of procurement and training of medical officers, dental officers, nurses and enlisted hospital corpsmen were a distinct asset in the effective functioning of the Bureau. His outstanding service in the successful fulfillment of this exacting assignment reflect the highest credit upon Rear Admiral Sheldon and the United States Naval Service."

House Bill Would Up Education Allowance

Veterans attending educational institutions under provisions of the GI Bill may get an increase of \$25 in monthly subsistence allowances if a bill introduced in the House of Representatives recently becomes law. The proposal asks a subsistence allowance of \$75 monthly for men without dependents and \$100 monthly for those with dependents.

They Do It Backwards; Bethesda Fetes USO

Service personnel at Bethesda, Md., plan to turn the tables on the Bethesda USO by serving USO workers a supper, entertainment and the fixings. The evening will be a token of appreciation for the suppers, entertainment and aid given staff and patients at the medical center.

Red Cross Offers Free Phone Calls To Returned Vets

The Red Cross long distance phone call program for patients just returned from overseas has been functioning for two months at this station. From April 15 to June 15, 210 calls were made. This past month the number was increased to 300.

Even though a large proportion of phone calls were placed to Eastern cities, the per capita cost was over \$5, indicating that many men have talked longer than the three-minute limit. Red Cross would much prefer that the funds available for phone calls be spread over a larger number of patients making the customary three-minute call.

An Ambulatory patient just returned from overseas can secure his chit for a call from the Red Cross Office, Second Deck, Ship's Service Bldg. Bed patients' ward will be covered several times per week for requests from new convoy patients.

Efforts are being made to secure more telephone equipment. Bed patients can call from wards, 40A and B, 41A and B, 42A and B, 43A, 63A, 70A and 74B. There are some areas inadequately covered and the patient, his wheelchair and a corpsman or friend have to travel long hilly distances to these wards. A survey is being conducted to determine where to install new equipment whenever it becomes available.

Most calls are made to the larger cities. If the patients who come from rural areas wish the Red Cross to notify their families to expect a call at the local public phone at a definite time this can be done easily by telegraph.

Franklin—

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such as casts and whole blood transfusions. We discovered there were 14 of us who had been transferred to the same ship from other destroyers.

Casualty Transfer Scene (lower right)—From this ship we were transferred to a tanker after eight days. The next day another transfer of the 14 of us was effected to still another tanker which was returning to an advanced base. We finally arrived in the Mariana after numerous transfers.

After 13 days' hospitalization there, only two of us of the original 14 were among those loaded onto a Skymaster headed for the Hawaiian Islands. The others were left or had been shipped a day or two previous. We were broken up as a group after having been together for many days.

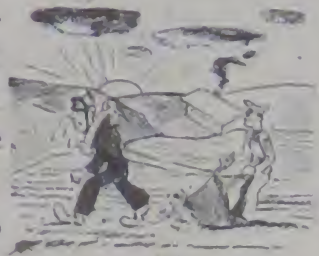
After spending 22 days in the Hawaiian Islands we arrived at an airport in the good ol' U.S.A. Gosh, it seemed strange.

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Educational Services

The Scoop on Farming

If to farm or not to farm is your problem, ask to see the new *Farm Folio*. In this collection of Department of Agriculture publications you will find advice and help on where to farm, how to obtain capital, part time farming and how to get started on the agricultural ladder.



Beef cattle production, dairy farming, poultry raising, swine production, sheep raising, practical irrigation and a folder of farm-house plans are among the other subjects contained in this *Farm Folio*. See your Educational Services Officer, topside Marine Department.

Special Interest Programs

These daily programs are available to staff and patient, officer and enlisted personnel. Here is the schedule for the week 25 June-29 June:

Time: 0900.

Place: Topside Dental Clinic.

25 June—Demonstrated Lecture and Discussion: "Post-War Chemical Developments." Dr. T. K. Cleveland (Phila. Quartz Co.).

26 June—Round Table Series: "The Enemy Japan." Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

Movie: "Japan's War in China."

27 June—Lecture and discussion: "Hotel and Property Management." Mr. Herbert Strachan Mgr. Harrison and Clay-ten hotels).

28 June—Lecture and discussion: "The Business of Entertainment: Movie Theater Operation." Mr. M. Rosenberg (Owner of Himes Theater.)

29 June—Current Events: "News Developments." Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

Movie: "Battle for China."

Lost and Found

LOST—Maroon and Gold Ever-sharp Pen, engraved Orrie Kemmer. Please return to Lt. Elliott in the Physical Training Office.

"Desert Song" Cast Brings Informal Show



Left: Two damsels of the "Desert Song" cast form a divine dancing duet; right: Mike and a charmer josh a bit with the GI audience in the amphitheater.

The cast of the "Desert Song," a popular revival at present in San Francisco, brought to the amphitheater on Tuesday, June 12 a wealth of vocal and terpsichorean talent. The sweltering GI's enjoyed every minute of the spontaneous and informal show the troupers put on.

After the capable five-man chorus opened the proceedings with "Marching Along Together," six girls of the group in varied costumes all appropriate to the weather gracefully strutted their stuff. Thereafter, the girls in twosomes interlarded the program with their nimble and beautiful antics.

Titian-tressed Carolyn Colby sang "Siboney" and "Always," baritone George Burnson magnificently rendered "Song of the Volga Boatman" and the reliable "Old Man River," and Vera Marshe warbled "I Caint Say No." Statuesque Jean Bartel, the authentic Miss America of 1943, displayed a better-than-average voice in "Night and Day," and then lured the usual brash gob to the stage to help her lead a session of community singing.

Tom Halligan, long on showmanship if short on voice, swung "Sunny Side of the Street" and the well-known "Embraceable You." Gabrielle, undoubtedly French and undoubtedly a comedienne, chanted several ditties anent the foibles of the English and the French. Eddy Dew, fa-

miliar to western movie fans, employed his rich baritone to tell the "Tale of a Shirt."

In charge of the group and master of ceremonies was veteran showman Mike Jeffrey, ably assisted by his wife, Kay. The show was brought to the hospital under the auspices of the Armed Forces Entertainment Committee.

Rating Requirements Revised by Bupers

In A1Nav 114 dated 31 May 1945 Bupers revised service requirements for advance in ratings to eliminate the "one-half service" time waivers for outstanding personnel seeking advancement to petty officer, second class, first class and chief petty officer.

In addition, for advancement to petty officer, first class, personnel must have sea duty of at least three months while in the rating of petty officer, third class or second class. However, all V-10 personnel (WAVES), limited duty and male specialists are not affected by the sea duty requirement.

Those seeking advancement to petty officer, second class, will be required to have served in present pay grades a minimum of six months; for petty officer, first class, a minimum of 9 months; and for chief petty officer, a minimum of 18 months.

Scuttlebutt

Who's the Sergeant who wanders around the Civil Readjustment Office without her shoes on? . . . New regulations, Ma'am? . . .

We wonder why the lifeguards at the pool keep such a close watch over Margie Salters? . . . It seems to us that she displays exceptionally good form. . . .

The sight of Honest John Con-cannon, stalwart mainstay of the softball team and the post office, is said to cause certain hearts in the room above to beat faster. . . .

When Maggie did a certain Kahn the other day she was very much bewildered to find not a single blood cell. . . . What Maggie didn't know was that she was looking at a rare type of fluid known as co caco la, or in the language of the layman, "coke." . . .

Chief Worthington isn't boss anymore. . . . He just got married. . . .

Barbara Krieger took a lot of punishment while she was working in Patient Personnel. . . . Watch out, boys, or Joe will spank you, too. . . .

Eileen Marcum doesn't say much but she sure works a lot. . . .

The financial committee in Commissary 1 is deeply disturbed by recent developments in l'affaire Charlie Schunk. . . . They didn't raise that boy to fall for a soldierette. . . . They suspect he may have been taken for a boat ride. . . .

Witt is reported to Wacs so enthusiastic over a certain girl that wedding bells may be in the offing.

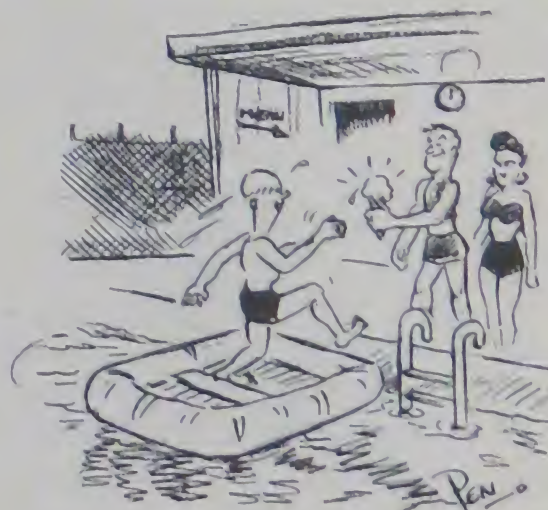
Since the day he almost blew away in a fairly strong breeze, Slim Saunders, the compound's Thin Man, has been taking vitamin pills morning and night. . . .

Campbell isn't a drinking man but he doesn't see the harm in looking at an occasional Martini. . . .

Back From Overseas? Better Read This

Naval, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel returning from extended tours of duty overseas are reminded that Federal income tax obligations must be brought up to date on or before the 15th day of the fourth month following return to this country. Failure to make the proper declarations may result in substantial penalties or interest imposed.

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The Sporting Scene

Pirates Take Four Out of Five

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er, led the assault with four hits in four times up.

Williams pitched steady, heads-up ball, keeping Moffett Field's 11 bingles well scattered. Featuring a neat curve ball and good control, he is rapidly developing into a consistent winner.

Moffett Field			
	ab	r	h
Rutledge, ss	5	0	1
Tozzo, 2b	5	0	3
Adams, 1b	5	1	2
Baer, lf	5	0	0
Bracken, cf	4	0	2
Livingston, p	4	0	1
Ryan, 3b	4	0	0
La Bonte, c	4	0	0
Russell, rf	3	0	1
Ziegler, rf	1	1	1
Totals	40	2	11

Oak Knoll			
	ab	r	h
Hunsinger, ss	5	1	2
Lake, 2b	4	0	2
Hall, c	5	1	1
Zimmer, lf	5	1	2
Meehan, 1b	4	0	4
Ferguson, cf	2	1	1
O'Brien, 3b	4	0	1
Reakes, rf	1	1	0
Picariello, rf	1	0	0
Williams, p	4	1	1
Totals	35	6	14

Score by innings—
Moffett Field 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1—2
Oak Knoll 2 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 x—6

Beat NSD, 9-7

Against the NSD team, the Pirates got off to a flying start with six runs in the first inning and were never caught. Hunsinger walked, Picarielli beat out a bunt, Lake strolled, and Felix cleaned the bags with a home run. Not to be outdone, Ferguson followed with another four-bagger and Rosers, NSD's first hurler, was through for the day. After Thornton made the first out of the inning, Reakes poled out the third home run of the inning to make the total six.

In the second inning, NSD began the task of whittling down the Pirate lead when Strickland walked, went to second on a wild pitch, and scored on Foster's out and an overthrow of third. In the third they scored two more runs on a walk, Ryan's double, and a pop fly lost in the sun. Two more markers crossed the plate in their half of the fourth on Foster's triple, a walk, and two singles. The score stood at 6-5.

Stung into action, Oak Knoll put the finishing touches on the victory in the last of the fourth with three more tallies crossing the plate. With two out, Hunsinger got on first when the centerfielder fumbled, Picarielli single, Lake

doubled to score Hunsinger, and Felix singled to score Picarielli and Lake.

In the fifth NSD scored two more runs, but with Williams relieving the tiring Halderman, who had pitched steady ball up to this point, the threat was squelched, and the Pirates coasted onto win.

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Oak Knoll 6 0 0 3 0 0 x—9 12

On Wednesday, June 20, Oak Knoll's victorious Pirates traveled to Shoemaker to take on the Panaceans of the Naval Hospital there.

Softballers Edge Out San Leandro

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worked the San Leandro pitcher for a walk and Gammill hit safely. A bit of loose fielding on the hit allowed Welsh to romp home with the first tally and Postula drove home the second with a single.

In the last of the sixth Oak Knoll clinched the contest on Lindsey's walk, Rosenberger's sacrifice, O'Brien's infield hit, and an overthrow at third.

San Leandro			
	ab	r	h
Dusing, c	3	0	0
Joy, 3b	3	0	1
Anderson, 1b	2	0	1
Tubaugh, ss	3	0	1
Addis, cf	2	0	0
Heibel, lf	2	0	0
Crandall, sc	3	0	1
Hagerman, rf	3	0	1
Friend, 2b	3	1	1
Alameda, p	3	0	0

Oak Knoll			
	ab	r	h
Gammill, lf	3	1	2
Postula, 3b	3	0	1
Kieswater, c	2	0	0
Ferguson, sc	1	0	0
Lindsey, cf	2	1	0
Rosenberger, 1b	2	0	0
O'Brien, ss	2	0	1
Parkinson, 2b	3	0	0
Welsh, rf	1	1	0
Petri, rf	1	0	0
Velma, p	2	0	0

Score by innings—
San Leandro 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—1 6
Oak Knoll 0 0 0 0 2 1 x—3 4

Overwhelm Atlas Glass, 17-5

Sparked by the terrific slugging of the entire squad, Oak Knoll put another one in the win column when they defeated the Hazel Atlas Glass Company's softball club, 17-5, at Thrasher Field in San Leandro last Monday evening.

Parkinson was on the mound for the local club. Putting a finishing touch on top of his fancy chucking, Parkinson came through with a triple to lead his teammates to victory.

Staff Bowling Leagues

With only two weeks to go in the Staff Bowling Leagues the majority of the teams still had a chance of getting into the playoffs. At the close of the season the top two teams in each league will fight it out for the Medical Officer in Command's Trophy.

Although MSR has first place in the Blue League in its grasp, four teams still have a chance to finish second. At the present moment W & R and Disbursing are tied for second, with Dental one and Physio three games behind. In the Red League the fight for first place is still wide open, with Personnel trailing the "A's" by only two games.

Lt. Harris was the big maple toppler for the past week, scoring a 253 single and a sensational 661 triple. Both scores are new marks for the league. His team, the Psychos, also established a new team game record by hitting 817 in their third game.

In the individual average race Peklewsky still leads the Red League with an average of 186. In the Blue League Winters is still in front with 177, three pins off his score of the previous week.

Blue League		
	W.	L.
MSR	21	3
W & R	12	12
Disbursing	12	12
Dental Clinic	11	13
Physio	9	15
Surgery	6	18

Red League		
	W.	L.
A's	18	6
Personnel	16	8
Psychos	11	13
Laundry	11	13
Laboratory	8	16
Ship's Service	8	16

Wave Teams Lead In Softball Play

With the Nurses out in front, 10-5, in the final inning, the Starboard Waves let loose a barrage of destruction to come out on top, 11-10, in a thrill-packed game. The win put them in a tie for first place with the Port Waves. Next week's games between these two squads should be a thriller.

The enlisted personnel put another win in the books when they trounced the Cadets to the merry tune of 11 to 3.

League Standings		
	W.	L.
Port Waves	3	0
Starboard Waves	3	0
Cadets	1	2
Nurses	1	2
Office	0	2
Red Cross	0	2

Next Week's Games
Wed., June 27—Port Waves vs. Starboard Waves at 1700.
Fri., June 29—Red Cross vs. Cadets at 1700; Nurses vs. Office at 1800.

High Bowlers of the Week

Men	
Single—Dr. Harris	253
Double—Dr. Harris	408
Triple—Dr. Harris	661

Women	
Single—MacDonald	164

The irate lady who wanted a divorce told the judge that her husband thought of nothing but horse racing.

"He doesn't even remember our wedding day," she said.

"That's a lie," shouted the husband. "We were married the day Twenty Grand won the Wood Memorial."

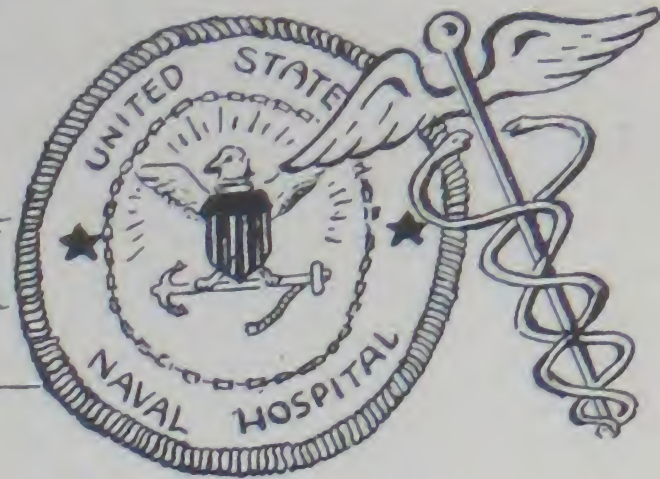
MOIPHY . . .

By Penberthy



"I haven't the heart to tell Moiphy there's no mail."

OAK LEAF



UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

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Hospital Marks Third Anniversary

Cmdr. Stassen Is Speaker at Naval Press Gathering

On Thursday, June 21 in the grandeur of the Fairmont Hotel, the Navy had its San Francisco Conference press get-together. The Navy's own Commander Harold Stassen, a member of the United States delegation, gave the facts on the successful and epochal meeting of nations to over fifty representatives of Bay Area Naval Station papers.

Answers Questions

Peppered by dozens of questions by the inquisitive GIs the former Governor of Minnesota answered them all willingly and competently and displayed an alert and comprehensive mastery of the problems of international relations. It was understood by all that this was an off-the-record press conference with the information to be used only as background material for understanding the accomplishments and limitations of the accord reached by the United Nations.

A Beachhead Won

The fact was stressed that in this meeting of the nations a beachhead had been presented to us to secure a beachhead on the road to peace—and we had won it. However, the success or failure of the pact depends ultimately on the faith and goodwill of the various member nations.

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Ask Wounded Veterans To Apply for Medals

Attention of both patients and staff personnel is invited to Hospital Memorandum No. 34-45 which provides for the presentation here of Purple Heart Medals or Gold Stars in lieu of a second medal.

Application should be made to the Medals and Awards Officer, Pharmacist C. E. Christley, in the Patient Personnel Office, Administration Building.

Navy's Journalists Get the Scoop



Commander Harold Stassen, United States Delegate to the San Francisco Conference, conducts a press conference for the GI reporters from Bay Area Naval Stations.

Hospital's Education Services Brings School to Servicemen

Educational Services is the official name of the department, but at Oak Knoll it is in reality a combination High School, Trade School, and Junior College with a curriculum including everything from Machine Shop to Philosophy. It is a school with a steadily growing GI student body under the supervision of Lt. John C. Payne and a staff of five WAVE officers, two Marine officers, and patient instructors.

Growth Is Phenomenal

The phenomenal growth of this kind of education in the Navy can be measured by the fact that it was only in late 1942 that BuPers organized an Educational Services Section. Oak Knoll was one of the first three naval hospitals to initiate such a program with the opening of the office on September 29, 1943.

The services of the department are by no means limited to a program of formal class instruction although classes of this sort are available in a variety of fields for those who come through the Rehabilitation program.

Machine Shop Available

A special feature of the organized class program is the Machine Shop practice available off the station. By arrangement with a local trade school twenty students meet four afternoons a week for this valuable training, whether in preparation for return to duty or for a permanent vocation.

A very popular feature of the department is the Special Interest Program, a daily two hour session of general educational interest to which patients are invited whether or not they are on the educa-

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Kay Kyser and A Birthday Cake Feature the Day

(Picture coverage of the Kay Kyser Show will appear in next week's "Oak Leaf.")

Oak Knoll, ordinarily occupied with the serious side of rehabilitation, took time off on Tuesday, June 26 to celebrate its third anniversary. That good doctor of laughter, Kay Kyser, sliced the musical birthday cake and his jocular crew served it. Present at the party in the hospital's outdoor amphitheatre were 5,000 patients, staff members, and civilian workers.

All Hands Present

Captain Arthur H. Dearing (MC) USN, Medical Officer in Command, set aside a half-holiday for the milestone observation. All hands were there and all hands enjoyed the sumptuous entertainment.

Aboard with the Old Professor was his own skipper, pliant songstress Georgia Carroll, with Phil Harris and other faculty members of Kyser's college of musical knowledge. All voiced roaring acclamation at Kyser's frantic antics and his firm dispersal of the day's jive.

Captain Carroll Speaks

Captain Hubert H. Carroll (MC) USN, Executive Officer of the hospital, officiated deftly at the ceremonial cutting of the cake in company with the irrepressible Kay Kyser and made a few re-

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Weekend Attractions

Fri., June 29—1700-1930

Nob Hill, with Joan Bennett and George Raft.

Sat., June 30—1700-1930

Reap the Wild Wind, with Ray Milland and Paulette Goddard.

Sun., July 1—1700-1930

I Dood It, with Red Skelton and Eleanor Powell.

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• Our Third Anniversary

This week U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California, commemorates the completion of three years of service to the Navy and the American people. It was an event appropriately celebrated with a tribute by our Executive Officer, Captain Carroll, and the cutting of a birthday cake at a festive anniversary observation in the amphitheatre last Tuesday.

The real tribute to the hospital, however, exists in the magnificent plant for healing and rehabilitation that Oak Knoll is today. It exists in the faces and hearts of the thousands of sailors and marines who in the past three years have been patients here. It exists in the hearts of the parents and wives of the sick and wounded men who have been guests here.

Our thanks go to Captain A. H. Dearing, Medical Officer in Command, who has skillfully directed the hospital during its most significant period of growth and service and to the Officers, Nurses, and Corpsmen who have faithfully and loyally served their country here.

Tighten Rule for Campaign Medals

Effective 1 July 1945 personnel engaged exclusively on temporary or temporary additional duty may not become eligible for an area campaign medal, if such duty carries them into combat areas, "unless the duties performed by him during his stay in the area are considered by the Area Commander to have materially contributed to the progress of the campaign."

The procedure set by AINav 129 in this respect, requires that personnel on such duty apply for approval of area campaign medals and wearing of ribbons. The AINav refers to a SEC Nav letter of 6 March 1943 requiring officers, whose permanent duty station is within the continental limits and who, by reason of temporary duty orders, believe themselves eligible for one or more of the three area campaign medals, to obtain approval from the Chief of Naval Personnel.

Course Made Available For All Navy Officers

A course in "Foundation of National Power," recently prepared by the Secretary of the Navy, will be available in the near future at the Navy Education Center, 560 Mission Street.

Lieut. W. L. Thompson, USNR, has completed this course and likely will be the instructor.

The course will be available to all interested Twelfth Naval District officers.

Anniversary—

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marks commemorating the occasion. His allusion to the comparative historical significance of the hospital's anniversary literally brought down the house.

This was Kyser's second appearance at Oak Knoll. Last year with his show he dedicated the hospital's swimming pool. This pool was built with funds previously subscribed at a dance which Metropolitan Oakland overwhelmingly supported.

Representing an investment of approximately \$7,000,000 are over 100 buildings including 72 wards and medical, educational, recreational and service facilities. The hospital clearly evidences the life-saving advancements and modernizations that the war has accelerated.

Past commanding officers have been Captain Frederick Porter, July 1 to September 1, 1942; Captain Frederick Hook, September 2, 1942 to November 15, 1943; Captain Frederick Muller, November 15, 1943 to January 11, 1944, when Captain Dearing assumed command.

Then there is the one about the moron who had a job oiling the cannon in the city park at a salary of three dollars per week. After eleven years on the job he turned in his resignation. When asked why, he replied, "I've saved two dollars a week out of my pay for eleven years and now I'm going to buy my own cannon and go into business for myself."

Oak Leaf Staff Loses Editor as Chaplains Leave for Overseas

The Oak Leaf lost its popular editor and the Chaplains' Office lost two of its well-liked members with the departure on Saturday,



Chaplain H. S. Pitts

June 23 of Chaplains Howard S. Pitts and John P. Corley. Both men are bound for overseas duty with a Fleet Hospital Unit.

For the past six months Chaplain Pitts has served as editor of *The Oak Leaf* in addition to his

regular duties. His warm personality and understanding guidance will be missed by both *The Oak Leaf* staff and the compound as a whole.

Chaplain Corley, friendly and competent Catholic Chaplain here for the past six months, leaves a host of friends to regret his departure.

Oak Knoll extends best wishes for good duty and fruitful service to these officers on their future assignments.

Officers

Attached

Lt. (Jg) William W. Ashley (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Clyde J. Dawe (MC) USNR, Lt. Henry L. Cuniberti (MC) USNR, 2nd Lt. Kimball Herrick USMCR, Lt. (Jg) Raymond C. Arnold (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) John E. Mason (MC) USNR, Lt. Ralph M. Finley (MC) USNR, Lt. Cmdr. John H. Kooser (MC) V(S) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Thomas W. Farmer (MC) V(S) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Allen F. Olinger (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Thomas W. Anderson (MC) USNR, Ensign Manuel M. Orona H(S) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Curt Bluefield Jr. (MC) USNR.

Detached

Lt. (Jg) Arthur J. McAllister (MC) USNR, Lt. Howard S. Bonar (MC) V(G) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Howard S. Pitts Ch USNR, Lt. (Jg) John P. Corley, Ch USNR.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Liberty

On the immortal Liberty Bell in Independence Hall, Philadelphia we read the inscription: "And proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

In these days of perilous strife, liberty should mean more to every American than it has in the past. Our forefathers who came over these shores to escape religious persecution and to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences fought and died for that sacred principle. The Declaration of Independence and our Constitution were framed to guarantee every citizen his inalienable rights under the Grace of God. From the days of the Pilgrim fathers until the present, men and women have sacrificed even their lives to preserve and maintain these God-given blessings which are unknown today in so many parts of the world.

Liberty should never be confused with license. Because we enjoy freedom of speech, freedom of worship, etc., it does not entitle us to live and act in such a manner that another's liberty and freedom are imperiled. Rather, it thrusts upon us a solemn obligation to insure for ourselves and for our fellow citizens, "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

The apostle Paul informs us that "where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty." By adhering faithfully and prayerfully to the faith of our fathers, by honoring our Lord in every word, deed, and thought by seeking to emulate the example of our forefathers, we can individually and collectively "proclaim liberty throughout all the land."

CHAPLAIN CHARLES DANA CHRISMAN.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.
Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 0900; Divine Services, 1030; Vespers, 1800.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.
Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Dental Clinic Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplain—L. A. Kelly.
Sunday Mass—0630 in Chapel; 0900 and 1100 in Auditorium.
Weekday Mass—0645 and 1630.
Confessions Before all Masses.
Novena—Benediction Wednesdays, 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.
Tuesday—(Chapel)—1400.
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel send in names to the Chaplain.

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Off the Bookshelf

The library's large collection of western stories is shelved on the solarium. In this group are included other adventure stories such as northern stories, some South American adventure stories, and the Tarzan books. Just in case you have overlooked other interesting books on the West in other sections of the library, you may find books on the West in the biography section, and in the travel and history sections. Among the biographies shelved on the solarium and arranged alphabetically by the name of the person whose life story is told, are the following:

Abbott, E. C.: ("Teddy Blue"): *I Pointed Them North*; recollections of a cowpuncher. (Autobiography of a cowboy who moved from Texas to Montana.)

Adams, Andy: *The Log of a Cowboy*; a narrative of the old days. (Autobiography of a cowboy who moved with his family to Montana just after the Civil War.)

Alderson, N. T.: *A Bride Goes West*. (Autobiography of a Virginia girl who went to Montana in 1883.)

Baldwin, E. J.: *Lucky Baldwin*; the story of an unconventional success, by C. B. Glasscock. (Picturesque life of an early-day San Franciscan.)

Benton, J. J.: *Cow by the Tail*. (Autobiography of a man who went from Kentucky to Texas by covered wagon.)

Billy The Kid: *The Saga of Billy the Kid*, by W. N. Burns. (True account of a real desperado.)

Boone, Daniel: *Daniel Boone: Wilderness Scout*; the life story and true adventures of the great hunter, Long Knife, who first traced the wilderness trail through the Indian's country to Kentucky, by S. E. White.



"Wow! Let's do it again!" reads the caption to this cartoon depicting Chemistry as drawn by Sidney R. Obus, RM1c. Obus, a patient on Ward 79A, does cartooning for Educational Services.

Charlie Chan Visits Here Disguised as Sidney Toler



Mr. Sidney Toler, the cinematic Charlie Chan, drops his habitually astute expression to smile pleasantly with patient Pfc. Arthur E. Rodriguez on ward 47B.

Mr. Sidney Toler, familiarly known to the movie-goers of the nation as "Charlie Chan," toured many of the wards at Oak Knoll on June 18 and 19. He personally greeted the individual patients on the wards and gave an autographed picture to each.

Mr. Toler expressed his pleasure in being able to meet the patients and commented on the excellent morale evident at this hospital.

"They are a swell, cheerful

bunch," he said, "unfailingly polite and gracious."

Noting the magnificent physiques evident in the patients in spite of being bedridden and in casts, he recalled the days when he played pugilistic roles on the stage and invited all and sundry to feel a bicep that still retained its snap and hardness.

On leave between his periodic screen appearances as the famous Chinese sleuth, Mr. Toler is now making a tour of Navy and Army hospitals in the Bay Area.

Carson, Kit: *The Life of Kit Carson*, the great western hunter and guide, by Charles Burdett. Kit Carson, the happy warrior of the old West, by Stanley Vestal.

Cody, William F.: *Memories of Buffalo Bill*, by Louisa F. Cody. Last of the great scouts (Buffalo Bill) by Helen Cody Wetmore and Zane Grey.

Crockett, David: *Davy Crockett*, by Constance Rourke.

Crury, Wells: *An Editor on the Comstock Lode*. (Autobiography of a newspaper man during the boom days of Virginia City and Gold Hill.)

Earp, Wyatt: *Wyatt Earp, Frontier Marshal*, by S. N. Lake. (Biography of a peace marshal in frontier Kansas.)

Murrietta, Joaquin: *The Robin Hood of El Dorado*; the saga of Joaquin Murrietta, famous outlaw of California's age of gold, by W. N. Burns.

Radisson, Pierre: *King of the Fur Traders*, by Stanley Vestal. (A fur-trader captured by the Mohawks, who later became a great explorer.)

Rhodes, E. M.: *The Hired Man on Horseback*, by M. D. Rhodes. (Biography of a cowboy who became a writer.)

Sutter, Johann: *Sutter's Gold*, by Blaise Cendrars. (The first settler of the Sacramento Valley, whose domain was destroyed by the discovery of gold.)

36 Wards See Folk Dancers

Nine groups of the International Folk Dancers' Club ignored the memorable heat of June 17 to entertain patients at Oak Knoll with polkas, schottisches, hambos, and peasant waltzes, all in colorful costume. They separated into small groups and visited 36 wards on the compound.

On 51A patients and nurses alike entered into the festivity, undiscouraged by the heat that caused the collapse of one visitor on the compound. Here the "Dance of the Seven Jumps" was the most popular, ending as it did with all dancers crouched in a ball on the ground.

Civil Readjustment Dept. Moves to Building 132

The complete Civil Readjustment Department, including the Discharge Section, Veteran's Administration, U. S. Employment Service, Red Cross Representative, Civil Service Representative, and Marine Rehabilitation Service are now comfortably located on the top deck of Building 132, near the new brig.

All veterans and prospective veterans are cordially invited to bring their problems in regard to separation from the service to any of the above-mentioned offices.

Scuttlebutt

We understand that Surgery's red head really convinced the Marine Guard that there was laundry in that there suit case. . .

It almost slipped our mind, but Marge, don't you think the gentleman ought to get flight pay for climbing that long, long hill every night? . . .

Not that we're skeptical, but Phyllis, are you sure that Harry goes to the movie every Wednesday night? . . .

Claire Martini of Civil Readjustment is said to feel quite alone in the world without a telephone on her desk. . . . But that's all right, Claire, there's still Campbell to keep you company. . . .

It is a moot question whether Dorothy Klein, comely civilian lassie from the same office (Aren't they all?), is coming back from her annual leave single or unhappy. . . .

An unsolicited tribute to the endearing qualities of the Marine Corps: Sgt. Helen Hamilton, married to these many months, insists "The honeymoon's not half over yet" . . .

What with one working days and the other on the swing shift Joan and Bowes are having a hard time giving Cupid any assistance. . . . If the Navy could only realize . . . eh, children?

Sexton called out all the MAA's to find out the reason why his sack and blankets were missing. . . . It finally dawned on him that he sleeps on the top deck and not the lower deck of Bldg. 35. . . .

Della Huls is carrying her love of athletics too far. . . . She has been reported to be going around with one of these Specialist A's. . .

Mary, Bill, and George are three very safe and sane names, but mix 'em up together and boy, you've got dynamite! . . .

Well Done!



In connection with expediting the recent draft of patients to Corona and Oceanside, Calif., the Medical Officer in Command extends a "Well Done" to those who so proficiently made it possible. Also, to those stretcher-bearers who loaded the departing train the Commanding Officer extends a "Well Done."

Tools of Learning Available to Oak Knoll Patients



CMic Paul A. Jones puts the finishing touches on a model house which he constructed from a set of full scale home plans he had developed in the Mechanical and Architectural Drawing class.



Patients are shown working in the Radio Lab., where one and two tube radio sets are constructed and the basic theory of electricity and experiments in wiring circuits and magnetism are conducted.

Education—

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tional program regularly. These programs include discussions of vocational possibilities in various fields, possible hobbies, current events, and other general informative topics requested by the patients themselves. A large number of prominent civilian speakers participate in this program.

Learn Alone And Like It

Self-Study courses available cover almost every imaginable subject. Men who wish to work on correspondence courses for High School or College credit may obtain them through this office.

Butcher, Baker . . .

For men whose post-war educational or vocational plans are still undetermined, the counseling officers are able to provide a series of aptitude tests and considerable information about possible careers and schools. The of-

fice maintains a complete file of *Career Monographs* which cover training requirements, employment possibilities, salary range and both the attractive and unattractive features of the various jobs in a field of work.

If a man thinks he wants to go into a particular branch of engineering, run a motion picture theatre, or study accounting or medicine, the counselor is there to find out from business, industrial and educational courses what his qualifications and preparation

should be. He can take a written general educational development test which will in some cases allow him to go to the field of his choice without meeting the formal entrance requirements for the civilian student.

If You Are a Bed Patient

In addition to the services available to everyone, special work-experience kits are provided for the bed patients. While a man is still on his back he may try his hand at mechanical drawing, at

radio repair, cartooning, and so forth. Each ward having a substantial number of bed patients is serviced by an Educational Services Officer at least one day a week. This officer also arranges for the afternoon film programs shown on the wards.

Navy Experience Credited

Arrangements for completion of the work required for a high school diploma, either through accreditation (credit for service schooling and experience) or through correspondence courses, can be worked out individually upon request.

Returning to Duty

For men who expect to return to duty, special emphasis is placed upon the loan of rate training manuals, shop work, mathematics and training aid devices which range from automatic rating machines to gunnery trainers. Special classes in the work of various rates are organized whenever five or more request them.

Educational Services Classes Currently in Operation

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Morning

Mathematics—All Levels	Bldg. 132
Study Halls for Self-Study and Correspondence Course	Bldg. 133
Typewriting—Beg. and Adv.	Bldg. 133
Mechanical Drawing and Commercial Art	Bldg. 102
Code Receiving and Sending	Bldg. 102
Electric Lab.	Bldg. 102
Radio Lab.	Bldg. 102
Watch Repair	Bldg. 102
Diesel and Auto Mechanics	Bldg. 102
Short Course in Geology	Bldg. 102
SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM	Bldg. 133

Evening

Study Halls for Self-Study and Correspondence Courses	Bldg. 133
Typewriting—Beg. and Adv.	Bldg. 133
Mechanical Drawing and Commercial Art	Bldg. 102
Code Receiving and Sending	Bldg. 102
Electric Lab.	Bldg. 102
Radio Lab.	Bldg. 102
Watch Repair	Bldg. 102
Diesel and Auto Mechanics	Bldg. 102
Short Course in Geology	Bldg. 102
Medical Shorthand for Staff	Bldg. 103
Machine Shop Practice	Berkeley Evening Trade School



Sgt. H. A. Pearce, a patient on ward 53, examines a collection of minerals used in the Geology course.



Pfc. Frank House, a Field Radio Operator, brushes up on code in preparation for his return to duty.

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Educational Services

Know Your Rocks!

Enrollments are being accepted for the new Geology and Mineralogy classes, which include laboratory work, field trips and visits to the University of California Geology Division. New equipment and mineral samples have been received in the pre-vocational training building. Patient and staff personnel are invited to contact Sgt. H. A. Pearce there or to call Ext. 281 if they wish to join this two-week introductory course.

Special Interest Programs:

Schedule for the week 2 July-6 July follows. Time: 0900. Place: Room 202A, Topside, Marine Detachment Building.

2 July—Lecture and Discussion: "Opportunities in Municipal Government." Mr. Theodore Stahlberg (Sec'y and Examiner of Civil Service Board, Oakland).

3 July—Round Table Discussion: "Post-War Communications." Mr. Clarence Gilroy, Mr. H. Sanders (Western Union).

4 July—Round Table Series: "The British Parliamentary System." Lieut. J. C. Payne (Educ. Services). Movie: "Britain."

6 July—Lecture and Discussion: "The Laundry and Cleaning Industry." Mr. J. Hunter Clark (Consult. Indust. Eng.).

65 HC Officers Complete School

A total of 65 Hospital Corps officers have completed instruction in various courses and have been assigned to further instruction or to various medical department activities.

Of the total, 35 officers have been assigned to Hospital Corps Officers School at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., after completion of accountancy and business administration courses at Southeastern University, Washington, D.C. Fifteen officers completed the Malarology course at the Naval Medical School and fifteen have completed instruction in civil readjustment at the Hospital Corps Officers School.

A new class of 25 Hospital Corps officers has been ordered to the University of California, Berkeley, Calif., for a course of instruction in sanitation to begin 1 July 1945.

Requirements Set for Medical Libraries

In accord with recommendations made by the Surgeon General recently, medical libraries in naval hospitals approved for intern training have been given minimum requirements in keeping with the standards set by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the AMA. A list of books and periodicals has been compiled to establish basic libraries.

LOST—Small blue handbag in front of O. O. D.'s Office. Please return to James Cavanaugh, 79A.

Navy Reporters Hear Stassen

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In answer to a question from your correspondent, it was emphasized that the emerging organization is not a static and final one. Adequate provision has been made for amendments and in any future year upon a two-thirds vote of the nations, another Conference can be convened. This is important in that servicemen now overseas will have an opportunity to record their opinions.

Skepticism Unwarranted

The skepticism in certain circles as to the motives and accomplishments of the Conference are due to the tendency of the press and the public to view issues in the light of contests between antagonists. No such spirit existed at the Conference and all differences were equably worked out. The result was not a perfect document but one much better than many had thought possible.

A veteran of two years of overseas service, Mr. Stassen displayed a constant awareness of the needs and rights of the country's fighting men. When after two hours the last question had been asked and the last flash bulb had exploded, the Navy journalists left with the conviction that in Commander Stassen the Navy and the nation had an excellent representative.

NOTICE

The office of the hospital's Notary Public, Miss Claire Martini, is now to be found on the top deck of Building 132 in the Civil Readjustment Office.

Here Are the Facts On GI Insurance

Articles have appeared in the press suggesting that your National Service Life Insurance is approaching expiration and should be converted. The Navy Department officially advises "For the duration of the present emergency, the interests of the majority of Naval Personnel can best be served by retention of (your present policy) the 5-year level premium term policy, in order that the *Maximum Protection May Be Continued At Minimum Outlay.*"

In other words, do not rush this conversion feature. As long as the war continues and you pay your premiums, your policy will not expire.

Before converting now, you should consider that:

1. Your insurance requirements and premium paying ability may change when you leave the service.

2. Because of the higher premium on the converted policy, you may have to reduce the amount of your insurance.

3. The death benefit amount and the method of payment are the same under the converted policy as in your present policy.

4. You have a right at any time (so long as you pay your premiums) to convert back to the original date of issue. This right can best be asserted when the war ends.

Recommendations:

1. Continue on your present term insurance plan for the duration of the war.

2. Plan to convert to a permanent policy in normal times when your insurance requirements and premium paying ability are better known.

3. Start a savings plan now, such as War Bonds, Navy Deposits, etc., to build up the sum necessary to convert back to your original age should you desire to do so. You, of course, have the right to convert your insurance as of your attained age and no back premiums will be required.

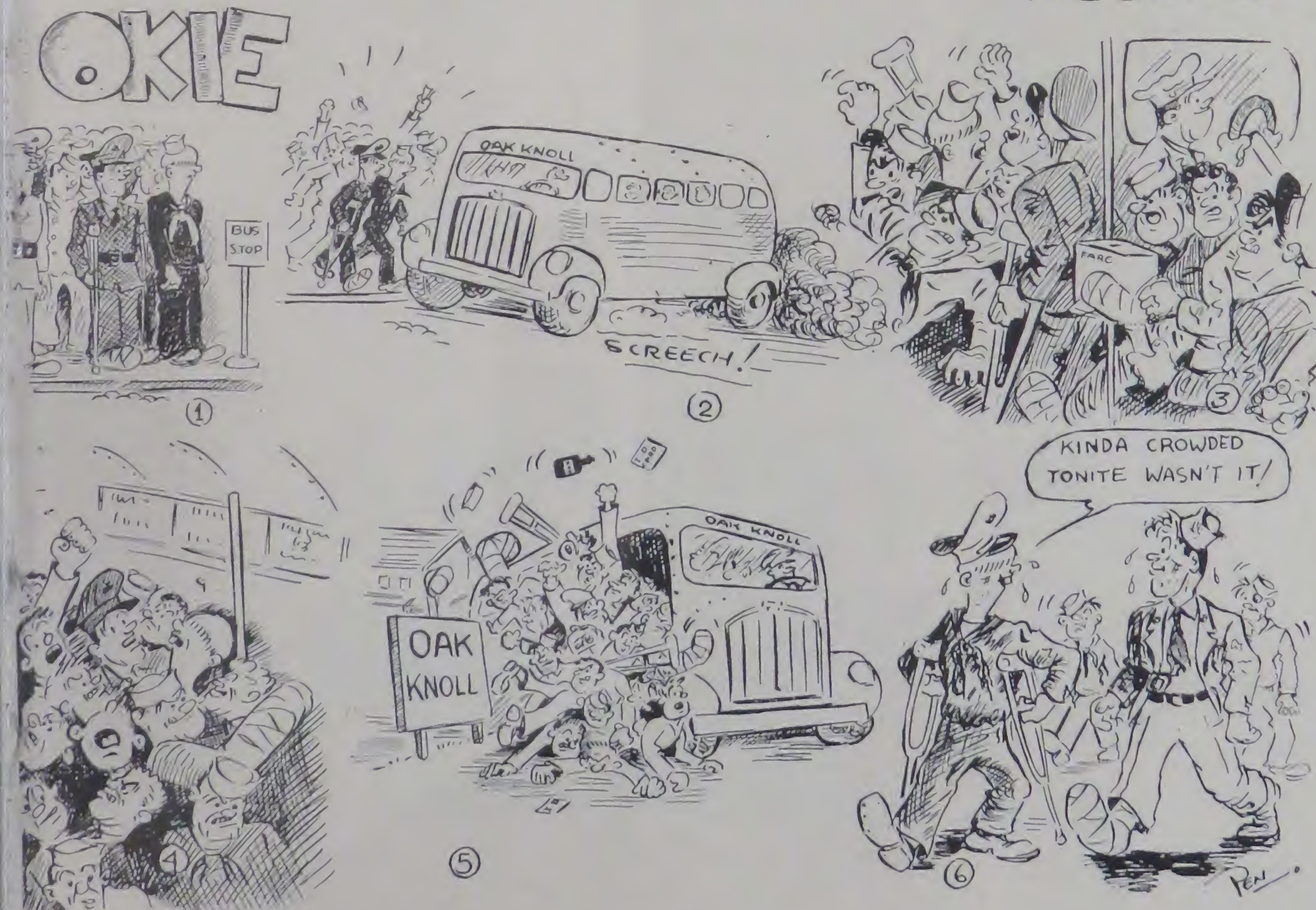
The Hospital Insurance Office is located on the top deck of the Post Office Building.

Research and Inventions Office Established

A new Office of Research and Inventions, commanded by Rear Admiral Harold G. Bowen, USN, has been established in the Navy Department to guide Navy research activities. Capt. Luis de Florez, USNR, Director of the Special Devices Division of the Bureau of Aeronautics and winner of the Collier trophy in 1944, has been named Assistant Chief of the new office.

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"THE LAST BUS"



The Sporting Scene

Staff Leagues End Bowling Season

After a season of strenuous bowling, the two Compound Bowling Leagues have reached their conclusion with Medical Storeroom copping top honors in the Blue League and with the Specialist A's triumphant in the Red League. Personnel took second handily in the Red League, but Disbursing just managed to edge out Welfare and Recreation by a one game margin to take runner-up honors in the Blue.

Playoffs for the title with these four teams competing will begin Monday night, July 2, at 1730, with MSR facing Personnel and the A's taking on Disbursing. On Tuesday night, the winners will play for first and second honors, and the losers will compete for third and fourth.

Team records hung up during a season of exciting play include the high single game rolled by the Psychos, 817, and the high triple record of 2341 set by Disbursing.

Individual honors go to the following: High Single—Harris 253; Smits 237, Lather 235; High Triple—Harris 661, Peklewsky 619, Reakes 608.

High individual averages for the season in the Blue League go to King with 176, Winters 175, Sawchuch 172. Red League highs were Peklewsky with 186, Reakes 184, Felix 177.

These six men will meet on Monday, July 9 to determine the Individual Championship for the compound.

Blue League Final Standing

MSR	23	7
Disbursing	17	13
W & R	16	14
Physio	12	18
Dental	11	19
Surgery	10	20

Red League Final Standing

Specialist A's	22	8
Personnel	19	11
Psychos	14	16
Ship's Service	14	16
Laundry	13	17
Laboratory	8	22

This Is What

General Patton says: "The war is only half won and it could be lost. It is up to us to sweat and work and supply the money to keep the Army, the Navy and the Air Forces going to beat the Japs as we have beaten the Germans." \$22,402.50 worth of War Bonds has been purchased by patriotic Oak Knollers in the Navy's Independence Day War Bond drive. Have you bought yours yet?

Pirates Lose to Panaceans 7-3

In a thrill-packed game played in the "Fleet City" last week, the Oak Knoll baseball nine dropped a 7-3 game to the Shoemaker Panaceans.

Starting off early in the first inning, the Panaceans scored on a single and again on two Oak Knoll errors. Hunt and Ellsworth slapped a triple each, to lead the Shoemaker team.

Haldiman grabbed two hits for the Oak Knollers, while Hunsinger, Cloyd and Thornton got one hit each. The loss to Shoemaker was the end for all hopes that Oak Knoll might win the district league.

Oak Knoll

	AB.	R.	H.
Hunsinger, ss.	4	1	1
O'Brien, 3b.	3	0	1
Lake, 2b.	4	0	0
Cloyd, c.	4	1	0
Reakes, 1b.	4	0	0
Haldiman, lf.	4	0	2
Thornton, cf.	4	1	1
Dominelli, rf.	3	0	0
Williams, p.	4	0	0

Shoemaker

	AB.	R.	H.
Wolniak, ss.	5	2	2
Sherman, rf.	4	2	2
Braden, 2b.	3	0	0
Hunt, c.	4	1	1
Emry, 1b.	4	0	1
La Rock, lf.	4	0	0
Argo, 3b.	4	0	1
Ellsworth, p.	4	0	2
Baer, cf.	3	2	0

Lose to Brewers

Running into a baseball team just a little too hot for them to handle, Oak Knoll's Pirates absorbed a 14 to 8 licking at the hands of Sicks' Brewers from San Leandro on Sunday, June 24.

Reakes took up the thankless task of serving them up for the Beer Men to look at and carried on nobly until the fifth when he was relieved by Williams. On five straight hits in the first inning the Brewers only managed to tally two, but in the second they averaged things up by scoring eight on six hits.

Oak Knoll's total of eight hits was well scattered among the squad with Ferguson leading the clouting with two singles.

Navy Doctor: Tell me, Chief, how do you feel when you actually kill a man?

Chief: Not bad, Doc, how about you?

* * *

Doctor: Got any scars?

Recruit: No, just Chesterfields.

* * *

Who introduced you to your wife?

We just happened to meet—I don't blame anybody.

Softballers Tie For Title

Oak Knoll's softball team, consistent winners all season, ended play in the Oakland Industrial League in a tie for first place when they overwhelmed Naval Medical Storeroom 11-1 Tuesday night, July 26. The title play-off was scheduled for Thursday against NSD in Oakland.

Star of the game was our own Velma, who pitched the first no-hit game of the year. Velma's speedball was really sizzling and Oak Knoll's hapless opponents scored their only run on an error.

Ferguson and Gammill were the heavy hitters for the hospital squad with two hits apiece. Ferguson also poled out the only home run of the game.

Rally Wins for T. I.

Running into some rugged slugging in the final period, the Oak Knoll softball squad dropped a close game to the Receiving Ship of Treasure Island in Industrial League play last week.

Trailing by a score of 5-1 at the beginning of the last inning, the Treasure Island club grabbed five hits for five runs to put them out in front, 6-5 at the close of the game.

Wallace led the Treasure Island team by scoring twice on a single and a triple. Lindsay took honors for Oak Knoll on his two hits.

Bow to Shoemaker

Despite the fact that Oak Knoll got five hits to Shoemakers two, the local hospital softball team dropped another close game at the "Fleet City" last Friday evening by the narrow margin of 2 to 1.



Why didn't you get the FIRST place that you wanted a \$100 War Bond on there?

Marines Overwhelm CPhM Squad 13-3

The Chief Pharmacist Mates really bit the dust in their softball game with the Marine Detachment on Tuesday, June 19, ending up on the short end of a 13-3 score. Pounding out 17 hits, the Marines never left the issue in doubt from the first inning.

Lt. Bechtol Stars

Slugger of the day was First Lt. "Sliding Charlie Bechtol," who got four hits in four appearances at the plate. Home run honors went to Sgt. Weinke, who slapped out a round tripper in the sixth. The Marines now boast of a record of four wins and no losses in compound league play.

On Thursday, June 21, the Marine squad dropped a close one to the Dept. of Pacific Motor Transport of San Francisco by a 3 to 2 score.

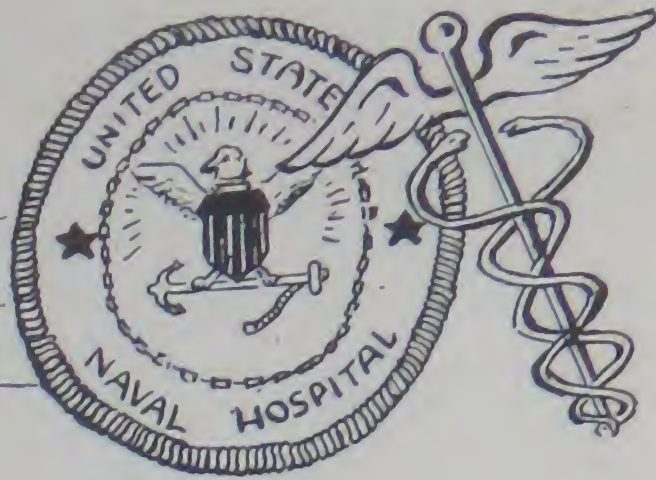
MOIPHY . . .

By Penberthy



"The Old Man sure threw the book at him."

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Captain Carroll Leaves Oak Knoll

Softballers Lose Play-Off to NATS by 3-2 Score

The breaks went against the Knoll men in their bid for top honors in the Oakland Industrial Softball League in the title play-off with Naval Air Transportation Service on Thursday, June 28. In a tight tussle that could have gone either way the hospital team was edged out of the game and the championship to 2.

First Innings Scoreless

Both Parkinson and the NATS hurler were in good form under the lights and for a while it looked like the team able to score would carry off the title. Both mound-men, supported by tight fielding, kept the situation well in hand for the first four innings.

Gammill opened the game promisingly with a clean single but died a third when his mates were unable to deliver. NATS also drove at a hit with a similar fruitless result in their half of the first. Thereafter both squads went hitless until the fourth when each team again produced an unproductive bingle.

NATS Tallies First

The fireworks started in the NATS half of the fifth when, with the down, Hanley, Greenwood, and Hillers drove out successive singles to bring home a tally. At that point it looked like enough to take the game.

But, with the stands going wild, Oak Knoll surged back in the first of the sixth to bring two markers home. After Parkinson fanned, Rosenberger singled and went to second and third when the NATS men broke under the strain and whipped the ball around wildly. Postula's timely single brought Rosie home with the tying run and Henderson's bingle and some loose fielding scored Postula with the second run. It looked like enough to win the ball game—but wasn't.

Velma Takes Over

In the last of the sixth a single and two walks off the tiring Parkinson loaded the bags with one out. Relieving Parkinson at this point, Velma whipped over his fast ball

so effectively that the threat died with the next two men making outs. Again it looked like the game was practically over—but it wasn't.

NATS administered the death blow in the last of the seventh with Greenwood starting the sad proceedings with a single. After Hillers made out, Arnett also singled and a fielding mixup on Parry's flyball brought home the tying run. McKnight was purposely passed to fill the bags, and the winning run

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Bound for Sea Duty



"It is with regret that I leave the hospital at Oakland after a little over a year's duty here, but I am looking forward to an interesting tour of duty aboard ship. I wish to thank all hands, military and civilian, for their cooperation, loyalty and hard work and will look forward to seeing all of you and serving with you again wherever our duties may carry us."

H. H. CARROLL,
Captain (MC), USN.

To Take Over Medical Command Of Hospital Ship

Captain H. H. Carroll, Executive Officer here for the past year, leaves on Monday, July 9, to assume his new duties as Medical Officer in Command aboard the hospital ship, USS Rescue. Oak Knoll regrets the departure of this popular and efficient Officer and wishes him well on his new and important assignment.

Captain Reynolds Is Successor

Captain Lloyd R. Reynolds (MC) (S) USNR, who has hitherto been acting in the capacity of the hospital's Chief of Surgery, will take over the duties of Executive Officer upon Captain Carroll's departure. With the loyal cooperation of all staff it is expected that he will maintain the same high standards of efficiency and accomplishment.

Regrets Departure

While expressing his regret at leaving the hospital and the pleasant associations formed here, Captain Carroll admitted that he looks forward to the interesting and varied tour of duty in store for him.

Captain Carroll, veteran of 18 years of service in the Navy, came to Oak Knoll from the Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Md., where he was Chief of Medical Service.

Blessed Events, Nine of Them, Upset Transportation's Calm

Now that the veil of security can be raised, we take pleasure in announcing the birth of nine offspring to Mrs. Petunia on ward 73C. The event occurred, appro-



priately enough, on Mother's Day, May 13, and ward 73C, in case you didn't know, is located in a packing box back of Transportation.

Drs. J. A. Tonelli and L. C. Douglas were in attendance and, except for its extravagant productivity, the delivery was perfectly normal—with one exception. Discussing the technical aspects of the case, the good doctors claim it really consisted of a sextet and a trio—the trio appearing somewhat later, apparently as an afterthought.

A close examination disclosed five female and four male youngsters of variegated hues. The identity of the father, to put it bluntly, is unknown but it is suspected that this super-Dionne is a male of a mixed racial background.

The mother proving utterly incapable of feeding all of the offspring, Pediatricians Tonelli and Douglas were faced with the problem of devising an adequate formula. After considerable empirical

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Weekend Attractions

Fri., July 6—1930

Honeymoon Ahead, with Allan Jones and Grace McDonald.

Sat., July 7—1715-1930

Princess O'Rourke, with Olivia DeHavilland and Robert Cummings.

Sun., July 8—1730-1930

West of Tas, with Barbara Hale and Bob Mitchell.

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• Democracy in Practice

One of the reasons this war has been fought is to determine whether any nation can, by force of arms, impose acceptance of itself as being superior as a race. Almost simultaneously Germany and Japan attempted this. Most of the world rejected this theory most emphatically.

However, in these days of victory we should consider how much of a victory has been won. The fact that no nation is able to impose its theories by force of arms has been demonstrated. Yet have the vanquished learned the meaning of their defeat? They have lost the war, but have they lost the idea for which they have fought? Is the enemy saying now, "We lost the war because we were not well enough prepared . . . because we were betrayed!" . . . Or have they finally come to the realization that their ideas are incompatible with civilization?

The nazis have for years used as an example of democracy's "decadence" pictures and newspaper reports of the rejection of democracy in our own land. Race riots, lynchings, the desecration of cemeteries and places of worship rated top news in the official propaganda organs of the nazi and fascist press. "What irony to fight for democracy where there is none!" they argue. If we are to rehabilitate our defeated enemy so that they can eventually enter the peaceful family of nations, if we are to make certain that never again will the children of war veterans have to take up arms, we as the combatants of this war must make certain that no such argument shall ever again be possible. If we have ever entertained the thought that for reason of race, color, or religious theory we are superior we must now and forever reject it from our being.

Our late president said it: "Our earth is but a small star in the great universe—yet we can make of it—if we choose, a planet unvexed by war, untroubled by hunger or fear, undivided by senseless distinction of race, color or theory. Grant us that courage and foresight to begin this task today, that our children and our children's children may be proud of the name of man."

Officers Coming

Lt. (Jg) William E. Coleman (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) William H. Wierman (MC) USNR, Lt. Philip D. Carmel (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Robert E. Hawkins (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Robert O. Loeffler (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Cloud M. Bays (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) George B. Youngstrom (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Charles F. Kane (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Milton D. Levine (MC) USNR, Ens. Katherine W. Tappen H(W) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Robert H. Mastin D(L) USNR, Lt. (Jg) William E. Cunha (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) John S. Wellington (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Glenn Siemon (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Wendell L. Ogden (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Alan R. Vinicoff (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Clark H. Lentz (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Francis O. Munson (MC) USNR, Pharm. Robert B. King USN, Lt. (Jg) Roul Fraide (MC) USNR, Lt. Cmdr. Albert L. Brown MC-V(S) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Eugene P. Liston (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Edgar N. Lockett Jr. (MC) USNR.

Going

Lt. (Jg) George H. Riley (MC) USNR, Pharm. Louis J. Christensen Jr. USN, Lt. (Jg) William B. Mikita (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Robert T. Patrick (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Virgil L. Thorpe (MC) USNR, Lt.

Announce Changes in Jewish Services

The following change has been announced in the Jewish services at the hospital: There will be no Jewish service on Tuesday, July 10, but beginning Friday, July 13, the service will be held every Friday at 2000 in the Chapel.

The Jewish chaplain will continue to visit the wards on Tuesday afternoons.

(Jg) Oreb E. Cowle (MC) USNR, Lt. Cmdr. Willard L. Hogeboom MC(S) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Stuart C. Miller (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Thomas R. Judd (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Marvin J. Naman (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Arthur J. Beland (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Max B. Corbett (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Norman R. Holzapfel D-V(S) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Joseph E. Smith Jr. (MC) USNR, Cmdr. George W. Dickinson (MC) USN, Lt. (Jg) Martin E. Wright H(S) USNR.

Lt. J. W. Carey Leaves for Overseas

The hospital lost its well known and popular Welfare and Recreation Officer with the departure on Thursday, July 5, of Lt. John



W. Carey. Stationed here for exactly 23 months, Lt. Carey leaves for an overseas assignment.

Under the direction of Lt. Carey, the Welfare and Recreation Department has enjoyed its

greatest period of development and expansion in keeping with the growth of the hospital.

In the athletic field, leagues in bowling, softball, and baseball both on the compound and between hospitals, have been established. Oak Knoll's teams ranked sixth highest in the whole district last year. Horse riding and many other sports have been made available to both staff and patients.

Other activities sponsored by Welfare and Recreation under his direction include Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Drum and Bugle Corps, numerous dances, countless off-the-station activities, and two successful Oak Knoll musical shows.

"I have enjoyed duty here under the best of skippers," said Lt. Carey, "and I only hope the patients have enjoyed the recreation as much as we have enjoyed making it possible for them. I feel sure that everyone will give Lt. (Jg) Robert H. Mastin, my successor, the same enthusiastic cooperation."

Oak Knoll's thanks for his untiring efforts and best wishes for success and happiness on his future assignments go with Lt. Carey.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Accentuate the Positive

"Accentuate the positive; eliminate the negative; latch on to the affirmative; don't mess with Mr. In-Between"—that's a real sermon in less than twenty words.

Sometimes they say, "Aw, Chaplain, I'm not a bad guy." And they're quite right. Most fellows aren't bad guys. But a lot of them aren't good, either. And there's a whole of difference between being neutral and being positive. Cool indifference, as a matter of fact, is more hateful than outright opposition. For it smacks of a lack of interest in the whole subject.

But in the realm of religion, there can't be any Mr. In-Between. No, there's no fence-sitting possible when it comes to questions concerning God, man, the world and our relationship to them. It must be one way or the other. You're either "fer it, or agin it."

It's quite evident some have chosen the negative—their lives prove it. Conversely, the character and attitudes of others—not so much their words—speak of a real harmony between themselves and God. They've chosen the positive.

Plato was right—whatever a man thinks and believes will eventually work itself out in his conduct. Choose the negative, and live negatively. But if you want to live positively, you've got to "accentuate the positive."

CHAPLAIN CLAUDE ROEBUCK.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.
Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 0900; Divine Services, 1030; Vespers, 1800.
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030, Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.
Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Dental Clinic Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplain—L. A. Kelly.
Sunday Mass—0630 in Chapel; 0900 and 1100 in Auditorium.
Weekday Mass—0645 and 1630.
Confessions Before all Masses.
Novena—Benediction Wednesdays, 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Ceri Straus, Ext. 261.
Friday (Chapel)—2000.
The Jewish Chapel is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel send in names to the Chaplain.

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Kay Kyser Helps Hospital Celebrate Its Third Birthday



Upper left: Kay Kyser indulges in some of his strenuous and inimitable antics; upper center: Michael Douglas a former Navy man discharged at Oak Knoll, wows the gals with his pleasant crooning; upper right: Beautiful Georgia Carroll is introduced to the audience by her husband; lower left: That man again, this time with a brunette; lower center: Captain Carroll, Executive Officer, smilingly cuts the Birthday Cake; lower right: Two pretty members of the "Town Crier" group meet the boys. Held Tuesday, June 26, the Party was a huge success.

Petunia Relates Her Sad Story

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Experimentation, it was discovered that a solution half of pasteurized milk and half of Seagram's gave satisfactory results. It is the considered opinion of the writer, however, that considerably more research must be done before it can be widely recommended. Milk undoubtedly has considerable food value but not too much is known of its physiological after effects.

It is a pleasure to announce that all nine youngsters have by this time found good homes, Mrs. Petunia herself has gone to recuperate on a chicken farm before resuming her love life, and Transportation has returned to normal. Time heals all wounds, they say, but her experience with the stranger who came into her life still rankles in the breast of Petunia.

"He was a cur," she says flatly.

Parade Rest

By Gunnery Sgt. S. Ferrantino

This week the detachment welcomes aboard five new arrivals: 2d Lt. K. Herrick, the new officer in Charge of Drills and Instructions; T. Sgt. S. J. Wentworth, Staff Sgt. R. J. Ward, Sgt. J. W. Fogleson and Sgt. J. C. Milner. . . . Best of luck, men, hope you have a long stay . . . there are some of us who WON'T!

Captain R. W. Hengesbach, the detachment C. O., is on leave. 1st Lt. W. R. Ash is back to duty after a slight accident, and WO P. C. Stanley threw his trick knee out again.

Though few people know it, this detachment is participating 100% in War Bond allotments. A survey of all Marine Corps activities shows that this detachment has been No. 1 on the participation list for over a year. In recognition of this fine spirit, the detachment received a letter of commen-

Saturday,

July 7 is the last day of the Navy's own Independence Day War Bond Drive at Oak Knoll and your last chance to help the hospital meet the \$50,000.00 quota. The total when the OAK LEAF went to press was \$34,175.00. Have you bought your bond yet?

dation from the Commandant of the Marine Corps last week. Keep up the good work, men.

Navy and Marine Corps personnel who are NOT members of the staff at this hospital would be lost in Crim's Lounge. I understand they are considering holding roll call down there. You can find any member of the Security Guard at the Club Playboy almost any night, and a certain group who are "temporarily attached" congregate at the "alley."

Chief Nurse Is Promoted

Recently promoted and now proudly wearing the two and a half stripes of a Lieutenant Commander is Oak Knoll's Chief Nurse, Lt. Cmdr. Margarete Ann Orr. The hospital's congratulations go to Miss Orr on her well deserved promotion, which came through as of June 1.

Lt. Cmdr. Orr entered the Navy in 1927, when the entire Nurse Corps numbered only 500, which is less than the number of nurses now stationed at Oak Knoll alone. She has seen the Nurse Corps grow from a low of 380 during the depression to the present total of more than 12,000.

Miss Orr came to Oak Knoll January 17, 1945, from Santa Margherita Ranch in Oceanside. She is a veteran of duty at many statewide hospitals, Cuba, and 27 months in the Philippine Islands.

Scuttlebutt

Tucker, of the top deck of Dental Clinic, would like to take out a certain redhead but he's such a shy lad. . . . Won't somebody give him a little help? . . .

Nan is reported to have taken **Johnny** back into the sunshine of her smile in spite of the bad company he keeps. . . . **Gilberg** was the cupid in this latest reconciliation. . . .

Mary Cerny likes 'em big. . . . 6 ft. 4 ins. and 225 lbs. to be exact. . . . **Betty Schaffer**, on the other hand. . . . But we won't go into that. . . .

Eleanor Gilboy had so many boy friends the other evening she was giving them out to her friends on a lend louse basis. . . . And were they grateful! . . .

Added to the humiliation of not being able to grow as yet a suitable adornment for his upper lip, a corpsmen in Lab. must now endure the additional indignity of being called "**Bernie Baby**." . . . For some reason or other. . . .

Mary Grunburd, what is your definition of a gentleman? . . . We understand it is quite cute in a horticultural sense. . . .

Linn is afraid of losing his remaining sparsely settled locks what with the strange solutions the other corpsmen in Surgery 1 insist on dunking them in. . . .

Patient Personnel was the scene of an impressive ceremony recently with **Vernon Fink** being honored with the Paper Cross. . . . In action with the 36th Typewriter Brigade in the field, **Fink**, faced by treacherous and ever-growing piles of pay accounts and service, set up his typewriter, and with every muscle sagging tore into them. . . .

Who is the luscious blonde in Physio Therapy who claims to have been a gangster's moll in Chicago before the war? . . . Really now, **Martha!** . . .

We hear there is a movement afoot to have **Hooper's** rate changed to Baby Tender 2c. . . . Practicing up for the future, mate? . . .

Hospital's New Chapel Nears Completion

With Oak Knoll's new chapel down near the main gate now nearing completion, it is expected that it will be put in commission early in August. Built to meet the needs of the hospital's growing population, its cost is in excess of \$50,000.

The main chapel will seat 400 and the oratory at least 100. The sacristy, used for Protestant morning devotions, will seat 50. Two Chaplain's offices, a reception room, and adequate conveniences, are included in the plans.

LOST—14-karat Gold Wedding Ring. Please return to S1c Willard E. Ayres, ward 47B. Reward.

Here Are Your Athletic Specialists



Oak Knoll's 54 Athletic Specialists and the Physical Training Officers who have come aboard since last November pose for their first group shot. The officers in the front row, from left to right, are: Ens. Lester L. Lindberg, Ens. Roland Spraker, Lt. (jg) Allen R. Elliott, Lt. Jack E. Cotlow, Lt. Harold E. Rock, Head of the Physical Training Department, Lt. (jg) George T. Adams, Lt. (jg) N. R. Holzaepfel, Ens. Lorence B. Marquiss.

Let the Mailman Bring Diploma

On Your Own

The completion of a high school education by correspondence is seldom an easy matter. No reliable estimate can be given as to the length of time required to complete



a single correspondence course. Individual differences, study conditions, amount of free time, mail service and availability of supplementary reference books and

supplies, influence this to a considerable degree. Despite these obstacles, thousands of service men have completed or are in the process of completing their high school education through the United States Armed Forces Institute and the Marine Corps Institute.

The prospective student should face the possibility that he may not be able to complete his high school education while in the service, and realize that its completion may eventually require a return to his high school, attendance at a night school, extension work or further testing procedures.

You Have a Decision to Make

In light of the above facts, is it advisable for YOU to undertake to complete a high school education? This should not be a hasty decision. If possible, discuss this matter with your Educational Services officer, your chaplain, or your friends.

If you decide against attempting high school work, there are alternatives. By this time you have undoubtedly discovered that you possess certain capabilities and interests which have vocational possibilities. You may have special

Funny Bone

A dimple is the kind of depression that business men like.

* * *

"The Master at Arms just hung himself, sir."

"Did you cut him down?"

"No sir, he wasn't dead yet."

* * *

He: Ah, see how the bride is blushing!

She: Blush my eye! That's the first flush of victory.

* * *

The sailor was explaining the inner workings of the Navy to a slick chick.

"If a guy is hep," he said, "he won't give his right trade when he joins up."

The gal wanted to know why.

"Well," he explained, "if you tell them you are a mechanic they make a corpsman out of you. If you've been a cook they're sure to give you a yeoman rate, and if you happen to know something about bookkeeping you're a cinch to become a mess cook."

"But," queried the sweet young thing, "suppose you tell them you don't know anything?"

"Oh, that's the worst of all! If you do that they hand you a commission."

skill in merchandising, selling, art work, radio repair, sheet metal work, or rough construction. (1) USAFI and MCI offer many correspondence courses of vocational nature which furnish excellent background for many trades and professions. (2) It is possible to attend many business, trade or technical schools without a high school diploma. If you plan such a program, however, it is advisable to write that institution and request recommendations regarding specific USAFI or MCI courses which might be helpful for background study.

Off the Bookshelf

We think that the hospital dogs must have noticed the *Oak Leaf* column with the list of dog books, and concluded that some live specimens were wanted to illustrate the books. We have been visited in the past week by a Great Dane, a black spaniel (or maybe it was a setter), a dog which we classified as a police dog, and a brown and white dog, who has been especially devoted to the Library. The police (?) dog seemed to have the best idea of how to use the Library. He went to the shelves and removed a copy of Al Schacht's *Clowning Through Baseball*, and brought it to the loan desk—to have it stamped out to him, we suppose.

No cowboys nor horses have as yet visited the Library, as a result of last week's list of books on the West. As we would enjoy seeing some, we are continuing this week with other books on the same subject.

Mostly in 917.8 on the library shelves, you will find the following:

Carr: *The West Is Still Wild*. (Impressions of California and the Southwest.)

Coolidge: *Texas Cowboys*. (Modern cowboy life.)

Dobie: *A Vaquero of the Brush Country*. (The first Texas cowboys.)

French: *The Pioneer West*; narratives of the westward march of empire.

Glasscock: *Gold in Them Hills*; the story of the West's last wild mining days.

Grey: *The last of the Plainsmen*. (Buffalo Jones.)

Hough: *Snow Above Town*. (Life in a valley town in the Grand Teton mountains of Wyoming.)

Hough: *The Story of the Cowboy*.

James: *Cowboys North and South*.

Lavender: *One Man's West*. (Present-day Colorado and Utah.)

Parkman: *The Oregon Trail*. (The author's journey West in 1846.)

Rak: *Cowman's Wife*. (Cattle ranching in southern Arizona.)

In 978 and 979 in the library, you will find books on western history such as:

Bell: *On the Old West Coast*; being further reminiscences of a ranger.

Blankenship: *And There Were Men*. (Indians, hunters, and settlers of the Pacific Northwest.)

Cunningham: *Triggernometry: A Gallery of Gunfighters*.

Dane: *Ghost Town*. (Columbia, California, in gold rush days.)

Dobie: *Apache Gold and Yaqui Silver*. (Lost mines in Texas.)

Dobie: *Coronado's Children*. (Gold-hunting in the Southwest.)

Glasscock: *The Big Bonanza*; the story of the Comstock lode.

Langford: *Vigilante Days and Ways*. (Montana.)

Vestal: *The Old Santa Fe Trail*.

Saturday, 7 July, 1945

"Oak Knoll Grows Its Own" Is Their Slogan



PhM2c Thomas F. Leonard (third from left, standing) poses with members of his unit and samples of the current crop of vegetables.



By attending Farming Classes in the morning and working in the Victory Garden in the afternoon, the men combine theory and practice.

Well Done!



The Commanding Officer extends a "well done!" to the following for their cheerful and loyal cooperation in making the combined Birthday Celebration and Kay Kyser show an outstanding success:

1. The Welfare and Recreation Department.
2. The Commissary Department.
3. The Waves and Marines who assisted in passing out the chow.
4. The Master-at-Arms force.
5. The Transportation Department.

A type of rehabilitation that hits the mark in a number of ways is Oak Knoll's thriving Victory Garden. An interesting hobby, healthful exercise, and a fine crop of vegetables, are some of the dividends paid by the four-acre plot located on the slope back of the "40" wards.

In existence for two years now, bountiful crops of Lettuce, Corn, Beets, Radishes, Carrots, Onions, Turnips, Tomatoes, Peas, Beans, Cabbages, Cucumbers, and Strawberries are being realized this summer. The hospital's Commissary Department has already used radishes grown here to add zest to the chow hall diet, and the other vegetables will in due time be put to good use.

Heading the detail of 10 men working here as their part in the rehabilitation program is PhM2c Thomas F. Leonard, who has had considerable experience in gardening. Other patients working with him are: S1c Raymond J. Connors, S1c Marcus R. Jernigan, MaM2c Howard C. Freeman, Cpl. John Furtado, and MaM3c Joseph S. Meade.

Commander Hirshland, head of

Oak Knoll's expanding Rehabilitation Program, is said to be particularly proud of the hospital's thriving farm. Like Oak Knoll's garage and the valuable work being done in salvaging and repairing airplane parts for the Alameda Air Station, it is a project that not only provides the highest type of rehabilitation but also does its bit for the war effort.

Cartoonist Penberthy Makes HC Quarterly

PhM3c John Penberthy, Oak Leaf cartoonist and creator of "Moiphy" and "Okie," received well-deserved credit in the Hospital Corps Quarterly for July, 1945.

In an article dealing with news from hospitals, a "Moiphy" cartoon is reproduced and Penberthy is mentioned as "consistent in putting out a piece of grotesque contrast with Moiphy HA2c the center."

Making the grade with other papers is no new experience for Moiphy as he has also been reproduced in other Naval Station journals.

Special Interest Programs

Time: 0900. Place: Topside Marine Detachment, Room 202.

9 July—Lecture and Discussion with Supplementary Film: "Building a Home." Mr. Hugo Muller (contractor).

10 July—Round Table Series: "Argentina's Role in the Peace." Movie: "Buenos Aires." Lt. J. C. Payne (Educational Services).

11 July—Lecture and Discussion: "Petroleum Engineering." Dr. Anders J. Carlson (University of California).

12 July—Lecture and Discussion: "Mexican Agriculture." Dr. Leslie Simpson (University of California).

13 July—Lecture and Discussion: "Real Estate Operation." Mr. Norman Ogilvie (President, Oakland Real Estate Board).

Sign in front of a Marrying Justice of the Peace: You furnish the bride. I'll do the rest.

Bashful Groom: That's hardly fair.



The Sporting Scene

Softballers Lose Thriller To NATS Team

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came home while Black was being put out on the first base line. It was a tough one to lose.

Oak Knoll			
	AB.	R.	H.
Gammill, lf	3	0	1
Rosenberger, 2b	3	1	1
Postula, 3b	3	1	2
Henderson, 1b	3	0	1
Ferguson, sc	3	0	0
Lindsey, cf	2	0	0
O'Brien, ss	1	0	0
Petri, rf	2	0	0
Welch, rf	1	0	0
Kieswater, c	3	0	0
Parkinson, p	2	0	0
Velma, p	0	0	0

NATS			
McKnight, 2b	3	0	1
Black, 3b	4	0	1
Baldo, c	2	0	1
Evans, 1b	2	0	0
Olsen, sc	3	0	0
Hanley, ss	3	1	1
Greenwood, rf	3	1	2
Hillers, lf	2	0	1
Arnett, cf	3	1	1
Parry, p	3	0	0

		R.	H.
Oak Knoll	0 0 0 0 0 2 0	—	5
NATS	0 0 0 0 1 0 2	—	8

Men's Compound Softball League

	W.	L.
Marine Detachment	4	0
Convalescent Training	4	1
Surgery	2	2
Chief Pharmacists	2	2
Welfare & Recreation	1	2
Bag Room	0	3
Patient Personnel	0	3

The long awaited clash between the Welfare and Recreation Dept. and the Physical Training Dept. culminated in a 13-3 victory for the "A's."

Ens. Spraker's 3-hit twirling featured the game but the slugging of Chiefs McGoey, Tyner and Gabryziak who each belted out three hits and Kotlow's two home runs aided in the one-sided struggle.

The "A's" are now firmly entrenched in second place with four wins, one loss—and eagerly await their return fracas with the Marines, who beat them by a 9-8 overtime game score and now hold the league leadership with four wins and no defeats.

High Bowlers of The Week

Men	
Single—Anselmo	234
Double—Harris	437
Triple—Harris	617

Women	
Single—Thompson	199
Double—Thompson	353
Triple—Thompson	487

Pirates Overwhelm Alameda 25-1

Playing head-up baseball all the way, Oak Knoll's hickory melon men plastered a 25 to 1 victory over the Alameda Naval Air Station nine in a practice encounter last Sunday afternoon on our home diamond. The main cog of this one-sided tussle was the superb pitching ability of Williams, letting Alameda gather two weak singles for the entire afternoon.

High-lights of Game . . .

In the second inning, with two outs, the Oak Knoll Pirates started connecting the hickory with the horsehide. McDonald hit a hard single to third, the ball bounced off the third baseman's glove. Williams hit a Texas Leaguer, bringing in McDonald for the first tally of the game. Hunsinger singled to right field, scoring Williams. O'Brien walked, Hunsinger scored on Zimmer's double, and Ferguson brought in O'Brien and Zimmer on an error. Halderman singled, bringing in Ferguson for the sixth tally. Thornton received a base on balls, Rosenberger loaded the bases on a walk, McDonald went to the initial sack on an error, advancing Halderman to home plate. Williams hit a hard single to center field, scoring Thornton and Rosenberg. McDonald was put out, trying to steal second, thus ending the nine-run inning.

In the third inning, O'Brien walked, Ferguson singled, Halderman doubled on a broken bat, bringing in O'Brien. Thornton hit the only home run of the day as Oak Knoll won, 25 to 1.

Alameda's lone tally came in the fifth inning on two short singles.

Oak Knoll			
	AB.	R.	H.
Hunsinger, ss.	4	3	3
O'Brien, 3b.	3	4	1
Zimmer, 2b.	6	4	5
Ferguson, c.	4	5	2
Halderman, 1b.	5	4	3
Thornton, lf.	4	3	2
Rosenberger, cf.	3	1	1
McDonald, rf.	4	1	2
Williams, p.	4	0	2
Totals	37	25	21

Alameda (N.A.S.)			
	AB.	R.	H.
Coleman, ss.	3	0	1
Sanders, 3b.	3	0	0
Shepard, 2b.	3	0	0
Shepard, c.	3	0	0
Archer, 1b.	3	1	1
Simmon, lf.	3	0	0
Parker, cf.	2	0	1
Howell, rf.-p.	2	0	0
Mitchell, p.	2	0	0
Miller, p.	0	0	0
Totals	24	1	3
		R.	H.
Alameda	0 0 0 0 1 0 0	—	1
Oak Knoll	0 9 4 5 3 4 *	—	25

Sp(A)'s Crowned Bowling Champs

The Specialist A's, as befits their rate, are the compound's Bowling Champions. They edged out their opponent, Medical Store Room, in the finals by a score of 2217 to 2047 to capture the Medical Officer, in Command's Trophy for the Championship of the Handicap League.

Here are the individual scores for the new champs: Reakes, 584; Haynie, 549; Felix, 516; Catalano, 481. Sanders was high man for the losers with 513.

Personnel Takes Third

In the battle for third place, Personnel emerged victorious over Disbursing 2250 to 1977. Peklewsky was high man with 553, and Reakes bowled the high single for the night with 214.

In the semi-finals between the four top compound league teams to determine Oak Knoll's champion bowling squad, Medical Store Room edged out Personnel 2183 to 2148 while the Specialist "A's" swamped Disbursing 2317 to 2043.

King was high man for MSR with a triple of 567 and Peklewsky led Personnel with 531. Reakes dominated play for the A's with 575 while Pettet ranked the Disbursing squad with a 503. Pettet, however, rolled the high single for this round with a 213.

Decide Champ July 10

On Tuesday, July 10, the following men will fight it out for the Individual Championship of the Station League: Reakes, Felix, Winters, King, Peklewsky, and Sawchuch. They will each bowl nine games across six alleys, three games on each pair. Total pins will decide the winner.

Come out and see Oak Knoll's best bowlers in action!

Starboard Waves Top First Round Play

On the sweltering hot day that was June 29th, both the Nurse and Office team entrants in the Women's Compound Softball League found themselves short of players. So by mutual agreement they commandeered male patient spectators and played the game anyway. Result: The Office Gals finally managed to break into the win column.

While Red Cross continues to trail with no wins to their credit, in their game on the 29th of June they put up a stiff fight against the Cadets and only lost by the narrow margin of 8 to 7.

Here are the standings at the end of the first round of play:

	Won	Lost
Starboard Waves	5	0
Port Waves	4	1
Nurses	2	3
Cadets	2	3
Office	1	3
Red Cross	0	4

Waves Outfumbled By Mare Island

Making it five straight wins, the Waves outlasted the Mare Island Softballers in a game played there on Monday, July 2. The fielding on both sides was nothing to brag about and errors were made all over the place. The game featured Ens. Daly, who started a hitting spree in this game. Ware pitched the whole game; Page catching.

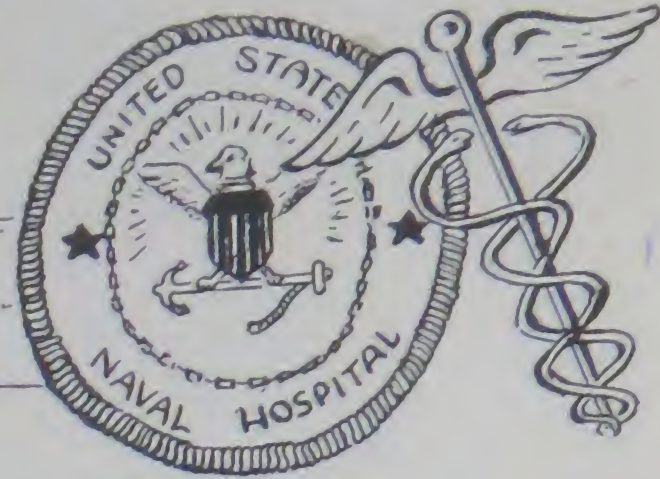
The Waves sorely miss the services of PhM1c Young, catcher and captain, and PhM2c Hatchfield, both of whom have been transferred to Great Lakes. These girls were hustlers and all-round good athletes and will be hard to replace.

MOIPHY . . .

By Penberthy



OAK LEAF



Captain Reynolds Takes Over As Executive Officer

Captain Lloyd R. Reynolds MC USNR, who took over the duties of Executive Officer on Monday, July 9, following the departure of Captain Carroll, is a veteran of military service. He served in the Army in World War I and four days after Pearl Harbor he was back in uniform as a Navy doctor.

Served at Pearl Harbor
Captain Reynolds' first Navy duty was at U. S. Naval Hospital, Pearl Harbor, where he was Chief of Urology. Later, in the same capacity, he helped to open up Aiea Heights Hospital and served there two years. He was Chief of Urology at Shoemaker when on September 2, 1944, he reported there as head of the same department.

Interested in Athletics
Always a staunch supporter of sports, Captain Reynolds in his student days starred in football and basketball at Stanford and recently was appointed a member of the Board of Athletic Control at that university. It is the purpose of this board to revive athletics at Stanford, a subject on which Captain Reynolds feels keenly. He looks back with particular pride on the year he spent between college and medical school as an athletic trainer. His present athletic activities are confined to tennis, which he regards as his hobby. Prior to entering the Navy, Captain Reynolds was Asst. Professor of Urological Surgery at Stanford in addition to conducting a practice in San Francisco.

Captain H. W. Patton Dies at Aiea Heights

The sudden death of Capt. Henry W. Patton (MC) USN on 10 June brought expressions of regret from medical officers and medical department personnel throughout the service. Capt. Patton was executive officer of USNH Aiea Heights when stricken by coronary heart disease. He was scheduled to report to Bumed for duty in the Personnel Division.

Oak Knoll's New Exec



Captain L. R. Reynolds

Oak Knollers Are Hit In Mare Island Show

Two well known Oak Knollers were featured in the successful "Mare Island Follies," which was put on at the Vallejo Jr. High School Sunday night, July 8. Mel Nielsen B2c, a patient here, and Francis Montalbano HA1c, a corpsman, had prominent spots in the show. Both Nielsen and Montalbano are veterans of past Oak Knoll musical shows and both wowed the audience in the Earl Carroll type show put on by Mare Island. Montalbano, a member of the Malaria Control group, is now at Shoemaker.

Weekend Attractions
Friday, July 13—1715-1930
Along Came Jones, with Gary Cooper and Loretta Young.
Saturday, July 14—1715-1930
They Got Me Covered, with Bob Hope.
Sunday, July 15—1730-1930
Rhythm Round-Up, with Ken Curtis and Cheryl Walker.
Monday, July 16—1715
A Thousand and One Nights, with Cornel Wilde and Evelyn Keyes.
Monday, July 16—1930
Stage Show, Civil Service Ass'n of Bay Area.

Fitzgerald Given HC Commission

Congratulations go to Pharmacist Timothy P. Fitzgerald on his promotion to that rank from CPhM on July 4. Mr. Fitzgerald is a veteran of almost ten years of service in the Navy and has seen duty aboard the carrier USS Ranger and the battleship USS Colorado.

Pharmacist Fitzgerald's last tour of duty abroad lasted for a period of 22 months. He is now awaiting orders which he hopes will consist of continued service at Oak Knoll.

Survey Assignments of Hospital Corps Waves

An exhaustive survey of the utilization of Hospital Corps Waves, requesting information concerning assignments of Wave complements within the hospitals is now under way. Results of the survey are expected to facilitate future assignment of new Wave quotas now under training.

Navy Policy Is More Stringent in Absence Cases

The policy of the Navy Department regarding punishment in absence offenses and mitigation of general court martial sentences has been made materially more stringent.

In general, all second offenders with a previous mast action or deck court will be awarded at least a summary court martial, while those with a prior summary court martial conviction will be recommended for a general court martial. All third absence offenders will be tried by a general court martial.

Trial by general court martial is mandatory in most cases involving missing a ship or mobile unit, irrespective of the length of absence. Reduction in rating is now considered inappropriate punishment for absence offenses.

Missing one's ship has always been one of the worst offenses against Navy regulations.

Farewell Party Honors Capt. Carroll



Among those present at the gala Farewell Party given for Captain Carroll at the Officers Club on July 6 were many of the hospital's notables. Military personnel in the first row, left to right, include Lt. Cmdr. Margarete Ann Orr (NNC), Captain Carroll, Captain Reynolds, and our skipper, Captain Dearing.

The Oak Leaf

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• The Navy and the Veteran

"The Navy Takes Care of Its Own" has long been a popular and honored slogan in the Navy. It is a well-known fact that in all the facets of the lives of its members, the Navy stands ready to do what it can.

Not so well known is the fact that the same attitude extends to the honorably discharged veteran. The Navy's policy has recently been officially emphasized and is printed here for the information of prospective veterans.

(a) The rights and privileges accorded veterans by law and regulations will be extended ungrudgingly and without discrimination.

(b) Within the limitations of law and regulations and within the dictates of good management, administrative actions of a discretionary nature should give every practical consideration to employees with veteran preference.

(c) As a matter of public relations, reasonable requests of veterans will be granted if administratively feasible.

Officers

Coming

Captain Henry H. Searls MC(S) USNR, Lt. Sim P. Dimitroff (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Richard H. Brodhead (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Loren F. Thurwachter Jr. (MC) USNR, Past Asst. Surgeon Thomas S. Hershey USPHS(R), Pharm. Timothy P. Fitzgerald USN, Cmdr. George E. Nesche (MC) V(S) USNR, Lt. (jg) Milton G. Crane (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Glenn M. Bean (MC) USNR, Lt. Bertram L. Gustafson (S) USNR.

Going

Cmdr. George W. Dickinson (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Martin E. Wright H(S) USNR, Lt. (jg) Charles P. Crenshaw Jr. (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Arthur L. Scherbel (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Paul W. Frame Jr. (MC) USNR, Lt. Sidney P. Mitchell (MC) USN, Lt. John W. Carey D(S) USNR, Lt. (jg) William D. Stowall Jr. (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) George M. Boyden (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) James L. Brown (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) John J. McNulty (MC) USNR.



"Except for our War Bond investments, did you ever see anything multiply so fast?"

Lt. Burke Leaves For Pacific Duty

Lt. Prentiss William Burke (HVS) USNR, has been detached and is looking forward to assuming his new duties overseas.

Not many of the patients or enlisted staff of Oak Knoll came in direct contact with Lt. Burke as his duties were concerned with Clinical Photography throughout the Twelfth Naval District. But many patients here as well as in every naval hospital had an indirect contact with his work because he has made more clinical movies than any other living man, and it is from these movies that doctors learn many lessons that are passed on to patients.

Lt. Burke's biography reads like fiction. Born on a Texas ranch, he rode the range until migrating to California, where he appeared in western movies. It was while appearing before the cameras that he became interested in photography and finally switched from actor to newsreel cameraman.

Lt. Burke designed and created the special equipment now used in clinical photography throughout the country in general.

Navy Hospitals to Get GI Movie Weekly Film

Reissues of the *GI Movie Weekly* will be distributed to 49 naval hospitals and naval convalescent hospitals under a circuit plan arranged by Bupers with Army Service Forces.

Beautiful Girls—Beautiful Clothes

Streetwear, evening wear, sports and beach fashions—all the latest styles for the modern miss were on display for Oak Knoll bed patients on July 10 and 11. Sponsored by the American Red Cross, a local department store brought lusciously gowned girls in svelte styles to bring the sailors up to date on what the pin-up gal shops for these days.

Following the style show, which held forth on four wards, patients were quizzed on the masculinity or femininity of certain articles of clothing, i. e., peignoir, galligaskins, camisoles, and other such eccentric articles of dress.

The entertainment was one of many which have been planned weekly for Tuesday and Wednesday nights by the new night recreation corps of the American Red Cross. Horseracing, charades, and quizz programs have been popular among patients who cannot leave their beds, as has been community singing.

The night recreation corps which sponsors these affairs is a group of thirty-six girls recruited from surrounding districts by the Oakland Chapter of the Red Cross. When their orders are filled, they will appear in the uniform of the Grey Ladies, and as their number expands, so will the number of parties given.

Special Interest Programs

For: All Officer and Enlisted, Staff and Patient, Personnel.
Time: 0900.

Place: Room 202C, Topside Marine Detachment.

16 July—Round Table Series: "International Economic Cooperation."

Movie: "Dream of America."

Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

17 July—Lecture and Discussion with supplementary film: "Refrigeration and Air Conditioning." Mr. John Schlemmer (General Air Conditioning Co.).

18 July—Lecture and Discussion: "Automobile Industry Sales and Service."

Movie: "Automotive Service."

Mr. Carl L. Scott (Scott Motor Co.).

19 July—Lecture and Discussion: "Landscaping and Gardening."

Movie: "New Fashions in Gardens."

Mr. Ned Rucker (Landscape Architect).

LOST—The works of an Elgin watch between Chow Hall and Barracks. White faced with gold lettering. Please return to Doris Ott in Disbursing Office. Reward.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Graven Images

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Men of primitive faith have sought to worship every conceivable sort of image as God. Hence we have the commandment which forbids the practice.

When a man carved his god from wood or stone or molded him from a precious metal he could cause this god to assume just the desired proportions. His god would be no bigger than he wanted him to be. He could make this god conform exactly to his own conception in every aspect.

Strange as it may seem, men still do this. They do it in a more subtle way, however, with their minds. They make God fit snugly into the confines of their own little conceptions. They impose on him all the limitations of their own heredity and environment. They confine him to the petty prejudices of their own views of society, education, economics, and politics. Many even seek to make him belong to one race or nation.

Man's pride plays strange tricks upon him. All the while he has been trying to make a god he should have realized that God made him. That God is seeking to bring man into harmony with His will and purpose. From the very beginning he has sought to make man conform to His own image. A man's life will be determined by his conception of his god. What is your idea of God?

CHAPLAIN H. M. LARSEN.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.

Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 0900; Divine Services, 1030; Vespers, 1800.

Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030. Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.

Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Dental Clinic Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.

Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.

L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

Catholic:

Chaplain—L. A. Kelly.

Sunday Mass—0630 in Chapel; 0900 and 1100 in Auditorium.

Weekday Mass—0645 and 1630.

Confessions Before all Masses.

Novena—Benediction Wednesdays, 1830.

Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.

Friday (Chapel)—2000.

The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel send in names to the Chaplain.

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Off the Bookshelf

The Library hours are now 0900 to 2100 weekdays; 1200 to 2100 on Sundays. That hour between 0800 and 0900 will give the librarians a chance to catch up with necessary behind-the-scenes work, and will more nearly agree with Ships Service and Red Cross hours of opening.

Aviation stories, as well as factual books, are to be found in the library. Some of these deal with the war, but others with ordinary peace-time flying, which is exciting enough.

Aldridge: *Signed With Their Honour*. (World War II.)

Boileau: *Ballade in G*. (Air lots.)

Collison: *This Winged World*. Anthology of aviation fiction.

Los Passos: *The Big Money*. Airplane industry.)

Frankau: *Air Ministry Room 28*. Air raids in England.)

Libbs: *The Amazing Summer*. Escape of an English flier from France.)

Goodrich: *The Sound of Wings*. Airplane industry.)

Greenwood: *Mr. Bunting in Peace and War*. (Air raids in England.)

Hilton: *Lost Horizon*. (Result of airplane trip.)

Innes: *Attack Alarm*. (R.A.F. story.)

Jamieson: *Attack!* (Aerial warfare.)

Jamieson: *High Frontier*. (Commercial flying.)

Keyes: *Parts Unknown*. (Pt. 6 describes an airplane flight.)

Lohrke: *Night Raid*. (Air raids in England.)

Marquand: *No Hero*. (Adventures of a young American aviator in the Far East.)

Mason: *The Hongkong Airbase Murders*. (Commercial flying.)

Morley: *Swiss Family Manhattan*. (Airplane flight.)

Nathan: *But Gently Day*. (Fancy; World War II.)

Priestley: *Daylight on Saturday*. Airplane industry.)

Queen: *The Four of Hearts*. Kidnapping from a plane.)

Saint-Exupery: *Night Flight*. Mail flying in South America.)

Shute: *Landfall*, a Channel story. (R.A.F. story.)

Shute: *An Old Captivity*. Peace-time flight to Greenland.)

Shute: *Ordeal*. (Air raids in England.)

Yates: *Midway to Murder*. (Commercial flying.)

A new book on painting recently added to the Library is:

Davidson: *Painting for Pleasure*.

In the popular subject of psychology, four new additions have been made:

Dashiell: *Fundamentals of Objective Psychology*.

Richmond: *Making the Most of our Personality*.

Roberts: *Psychology You Can See*.

Woodworth: *Psychology*.

Electroencephalograph Is Valuable Diagnostic Aid



Technician Clarence Whiting, PhM3c, watches as technician Dorothy Connolly, PhM2c, operates the maze of dials of the Electroencephalograph.

A valuable scientific aid to medical diagnosis developed mainly in the last 10 years is the Electroencephalograph. Oak Knoll's Electroencephalograph is located on ward 51B, where it functions under the direction of Lt. John A. Rose (MC) USNR and his staff of three technicians.

Fundamentally, the Electroencephalograph is a very sensitive amplifier recording the electrical potentials of the brain. By means of electrodes attached to the scalp of the patient, each covering a specific area, electrical potentials from homologous areas of the brain are recorded on a strip of paper. Actually, six separate amplifiers are used in conjunction, each having the power to amplify 50,000 times.

Since abnormal functional states of cerebral tissue are usually re-

flected in the frequency, amplitude, and form or pattern of its electrical activity, a skilled analysis of the waves recorded on paper are a valuable diagnostic aid. Still a developing and experimental science, its greatest use at present is as an aid in the diagnosis of convulsive states.

Making an average of six recordings a day are technicians PhM2c Dorothy Connolly and PhM3c Clarence Whiting, aided by student technician HAlc Louis Taich. Theirs is the job of amplifying and recording expertly and completely brain waves with a power of 5 to 100 microvolts (millionth of a volt).

Lt. Rose is a graduate of the University of Texas Medical School and prior to his entry into the service taught Psychiatry. He reported to this station from a tour of duty in England in November, 1944.

Long Beach Features Interward Radio Show

U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach, Calif. — Hospital patients here don't have to depend on radios or movies for Thursday entertainment.

A Red Cross-sponsored "Free for All," an interward radio broadcast, is heard every Thursday over the hospital area. Patients who cannot attend the broadcasts are equipped with bedside earphones to hear the all-patient airing.

Approved by Captain C. M. Shaar, medical officer in command, the broadcasts are produced by hospital patient talent and Red Cross workers.



Student Louis Taich, HAlc, attaches to the scalp of the patient the many electrodes which convey their electrical messages for recording.

Stress Value of GI Insurance

It is of interest to note that 16,049,195 National Service Life Insurance Policies have been issued to those in the Armed Forces. The total coverage is over 123 1/3 billion dollars, or an amount almost equal to the combined coverage of all Private Life Insurance Companies in the United States.

Here is what those in the Life Insurance Business say about National Service Life:

Penn-Mutual, Philadelphia, Penn.

"The Penn-Mutual recommends the retention and conversion of National Service Life Insurance, and its incorporation with other existing policies in the general program of one's life insurance."

Metropolitan Life, New York, N. Y.

"Advice to those about to be discharged: "—if the insurance fits your needs—and it will in the great majority of cases—continue it, as is your right, for as much as you can afford, and, as soon as it is practical for you to do so, convert it to one of the permanent plans."

Equitable Life, New York, N. Y.

"—it would be desirable for everyone owning National Service Life Insurance on the term plan (your present plan) to convert the insurance to a permanent plan on the Government form, *once the war is over*, as far as the circumstances of the individual might permit."

In view of this advice, it can readily be assumed that you should "hold fast" to your Government Insurance while you are in the service and when you go to Civilian Life. For actual dollar and cents value, you may never receive "so much for so little."

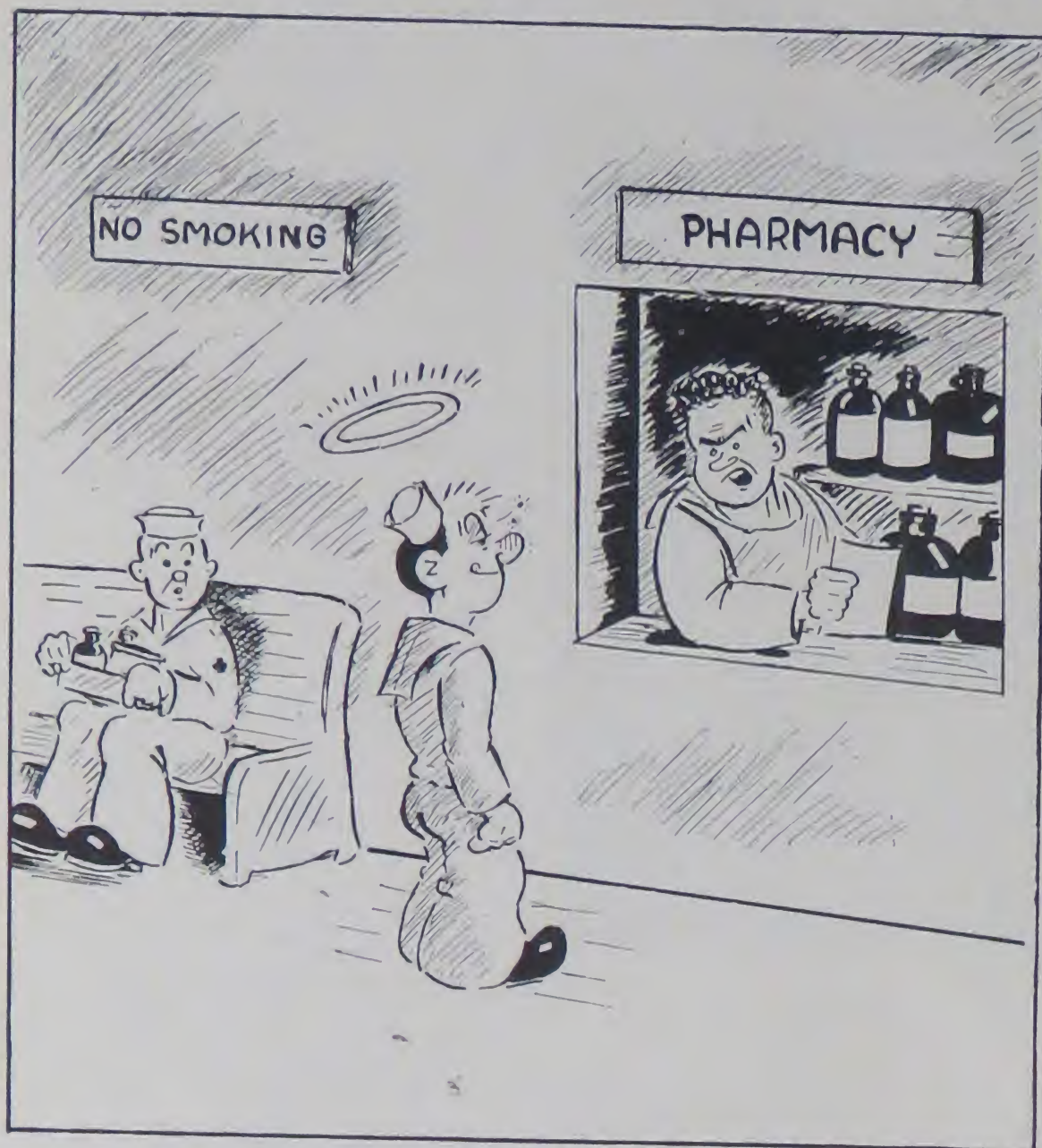
The Hospital Insurance Office is located on the top deck of the Post Office Building.

Well Done!



The Commanding Officer wishes to thank Captain Carroll, Lt. (jg) Sherrill, Lt. (jg) Jones (NNC) and those solicitors whose cooperation made the Navy Independence Day War Bond Drive the largest and most successful of any previous drive in the history of Oak Knoll. War Bonds sold amounted to \$48,746.25 of which the nurses purchased \$7,781.25.

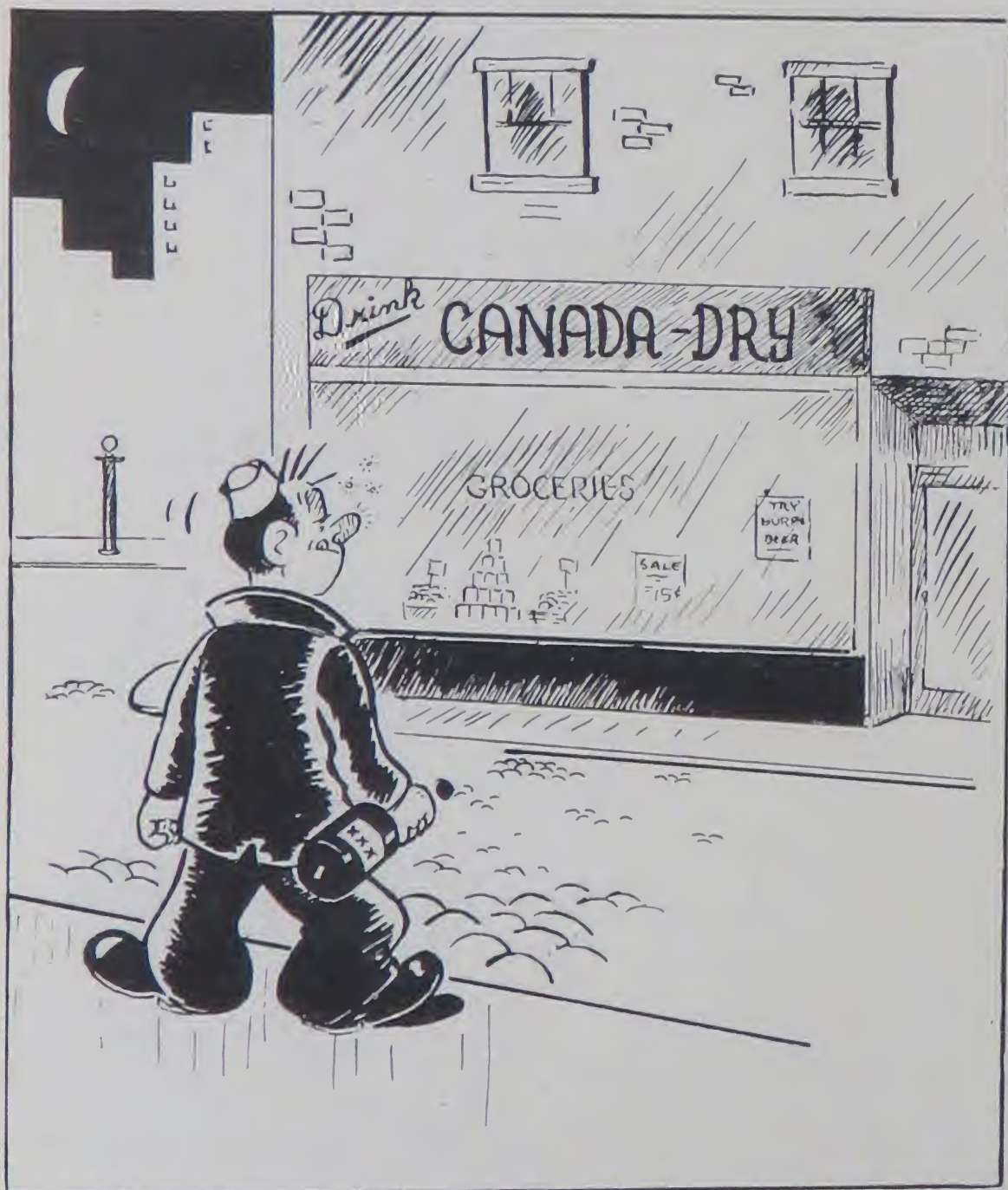
Here Are Four More Moiphys That Made History in '44



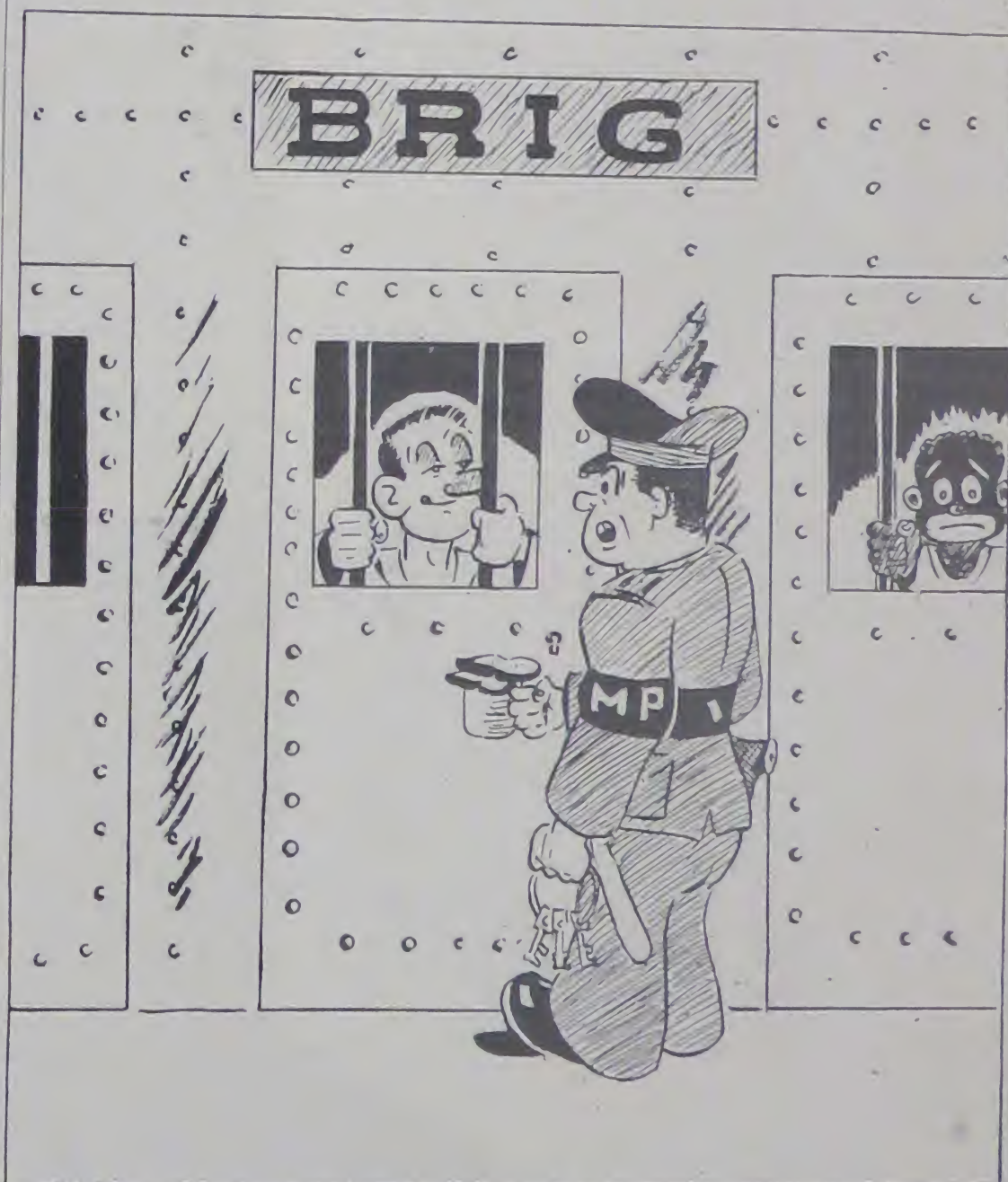
"Who is this Dr. Moiphy and what does he want with 25 quarts of 95% alcohol?" was the caption on Penberthy's cartoon that appeared August 19, 1944.



"But, Nurse, you said to give him a bed bath," was Moiphy's plaintive comment on October 14, 1944, when he was found carrying out orders with his customary ineptitude.



"Ish impossible!!! Imposhible!!!" was Moiphy's comment on July 22, 1944, at the staggering implications of the sign. Canada Dry thought well enough of this one to reprint it.



"I'll have TOAST with my water, please!" Moiphy, no stranger to the Brig, meets every situation with his customary aplomb. This cartoon appeared November 25, 1944.

Saturday, 14 July, 1945

Patient Learns Watch Repairing

Three months ago Cpl. James C. Dukes, Ward 47B, decided that he would spend his convalescent time learning how to repair watches. Now, at almost any hour of the day, Cpl. Dukes may be found busy at work in the Educational Services watch repair laboratory in the Prevocational Bldg. He is being taught by patient M. H. Weis, ARM 3/c from Ward 42B who before the war was a horologist, practicing in Decorah, Iowa.



Cpl. Dukes has now resolved to enter the watchmaking trade upon his return to civilian life. Utilizing the benefits allowed under the GI Bill, he plans to study for one year at the Elgin Watchmaking College, Elgin, Illinois. Here, in a concentrated course, he will learn all of the modern methods of clock and watch making, how to make parts on a lathe, jewelry repair work and engraving. Dukes then plans to work with a finished watch maker for approximately a year in order to qualify for his Junior Watch Makers' license, issued by the Horological Institute of America. Normally, this apprenticeship training would require a year and a half. But the time which Dukes has spent at this hospital will count toward this requirement.

Watch making demands the utmost of patience and many hours of practical application. For example, it is estimated that a man must have one and a half or two years' experience before he is able to really clean and oil a watch properly. Dukes is prepared for this and also for the five-year period of working at the trade before he qualifies for the final examination which will earn him the title of Certified Watchmaker.

If you are a bed patient or ambulant patient and wish to follow Dukes' pattern—or if you are already a qualified watch repair instructor and would be willing to assist others, see your Education Services Officer or call Ext. 281.

Add Bicycles to Recreation Facilities



With the addition of eight bicycles to the recreation gear locker at the caddy house, it is now possible to enjoy the great American sport of bicycling here on the compound. More bicycles are expected here in the near future but until trails are constructed and provided, it will be possible to ride only in the recreational area between the swimming pool and caddy house.

Lt. (jg) Anne L. Jansiewicz NNC of Surgery 2 and Lt. (jg) Billie R. Lukes NNC of EENT are shown taking advantage of the new facility. The two patients enjoying a spin are SF2c Bruce Cawley and HA1c James Jones.

Bird's Eye View of Mass Calisthenics



Picture above shows Groups 1 and 2 of the Physical Rehabilitation class taking Mass Calisthenics on the athletic field under the directions of Athletic Specialists. These exercises are all prescribed by BuMed.

After these exercises are completed patients enjoy a play period in which they may play any of the following games: Volleyball, Handball, Tennis, Paddle Ball, Archery, Bag Punching. Weight Lifting and indoor gymnastic apparatus are also available.

Scuttlebutt

Ralph P. Woods, HA 1c, assigned to Clinical Photography department of Oak Knoll Hospital, was detached for ten days to do special work at Camp Shoemaker last week. During the last day of his services there he received the most unusual surprise when he found that his son, whom he had not seen in 12 years, was a member of an outgoing unit about to leave the continental U. S. A. Luck was with them as they had 48 hours to spend together in San Francisco and Burlingame.

Another staff member deserted the Bachelors' Club to take unto himself a wife when **Gordon Heltzel** (Photo Lab) said "I do" with **Miss Virginia Garrigues**, lovely debutante of Oakland, on June 22. They are at present honeymooning at his W. Va. home.

Is **Jr. McTiegue** heading for the fatal plunge? Or has he found a lifetime tennis partner? Looks good from where we sit.

Chivalry is not dead, I'm sure, but it can be carried too far, such as commandeering tables in chow hall at midnight chow. What's your opinion, **Hall** and **Love**?

Cherokee, are those grey hairs from worrying about the return of Bill from leave?

We understand, **Bonny**, that that faint ringing in the background may be wedding bells in the offing.

Our nomination for the ideal romance: **Helder** and **Max**. . . . The saddest face: **Brockie**, now that Sweeney has left. . . .

Here's the Election News For Connecticut Yankees

General municipal elections will be held in most cities and towns throughout Connecticut on October 1, 1945. At these elections, city and town officers will be elected. General municipal elections will also be held in the following cities and towns on the dates indicated below: New London, September 10; Colchester, October 2; Bridgeport, November 6; Hartford, November 6; New Haven, November 6; Waterbury, November 6; Meriden, December 4. Eligible servicemen, members of the merchant marine, and certain detached civilians may vote at all of the above elections.



The Sporting Scene

Softballers Trim 113 In Third Round Play

Winner in the first two rounds of Hospital League play, Oak Knoll's Softballers were well launched on the third round when they outlasted Fleet Hospital 113 by a 5 to 4 score Friday, July 6.

Going into the last half of the seventh, 113's hurler Kraft issued a costly walk to Petri and when Gammill lashed out a clean line double the game ended abruptly with a win for the locals. Parkinson went the route for Oak Knoll and held the opposition to six hits.

The bulk of Oak Knoll's scoring was done in the first inning when three runs crossed the plate. Gammill walked, Rosenberger singled, Postula sacrificed, Henderson provided the second out, Kieswater strolled, and Concannon provided the payoff with his bingle. Fleet hospital having already scored three runs on a single, two walks, and a double, the score was tied at this point.

In the third each team scored another run with Knollman Henderson singling and coming home on Kieswater's double. The next three innings were scoreless for both teams and then Oak Knoll put over the final punch to take the game in the last of the seventh.

Oak Knoll

	AB.	R.	H.
Gammill, lf.	2	1	1
Rosenberger, 2b.	3	1	1
Postula, 3b.	2	0	1
Henderson, 1b	3	1	1
Kieswater, c.	2	1	1
Concannon, cf.	2	0	2
Ferguson, sc.	3	0	0
O'Brien, ss.	3	0	1
Welsh, rf.	1	0	0
Petri, rf.	1	1	0
Parkinson, p.	2	0	1

Fleet Hospital 113

	AB.	R.	H.
Powell, lf.	3	0	1
Krause, 2b.	3	1	1
Kesselring	3	1	1
Byron, 3b.	2	1	0
Mason, 1b.	2	1	0
Hurley, c.	3	0	1
Angus, cf.	3	0	1
Garza, rf.	3	0	0
Sullivan, ss.	2	0	0
Kraft, p.	3	0	0
R. H.			
Fleet H. 113	3	0	1
Oak Knoll	3	0	1

High Bowlers of the Week

Men

Single—Haynie	256
Double—Haynie	448
Double—Anselmo	448
Triple—Anselmo	669

Women

Single—Thompson	172
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Haynie Takes Bowling Championship

CSp(A) Thomas Haynie was crowned the undisputed Bowling Champion of Oak Knoll on the evening of July 10 when he decisively outscored the five other select contenders. His nine game total was 1756, ninety pins better than Peklewsky's second of 1666.

The six men who took part in this individual tournament were the high bowlers of the recently completed compound league play. Placing third was Winters with 1656; King had 1586, Felix 1567, Sawchuch 1486.

Chief Haynie averaged 195 for the nine games which, in any league, is good bowling. Four of his nine games were over 200.

For those who competed in the Station Leagues, an individual handicap tournament has been arranged. It starts Monday, July 16, at 1730 and entry reservations should be made at the bowling alleys. The entry fee is \$1.00 and there will be cash prizes.

Shoemaker Downs Waves 6-2

Monday, July 9, the Oak Knoll Waves played a pre-league softball game against the mighty Waves of the U. S. Naval Hospital Shoemaker, at Shoemaker.

The final score was 6 to 2 in favor of the Shoemaker girls, but even though Oak Knoll went down in defeat, the fine pitching of Tex Ware and the good job done by Phyllis Hilborn at first base were outstanding.

It is sincerely hoped by all that Dennison, Minot, Suter, Friske and Marge Emerick will all be able to play in future games.

Compound League

One more lap was run in the bitter, hard fight to become the compound softball champions when the Red Cross team won over the Civilian Office Workers last week. The final score, 19 to 12.

The next game in this league will see the Nurses pitted against the much-heard-of team from Fleet Hospital 113. This game will be played at 1730, July 18, here at Oak Knoll. Two days later the Nurses will play Treasure Island here. Remember the dates, July 18 and 20. Come out and cheer for our team!

It's love that makes the world go 'round—with that worried expression.

Just because a man chooses a woman for a mate doesn't necessarily make him the captain.

Men are just the opposite from guns; the smaller the calibre the bigger the bore.

New Finery for Waves

Monday evening when the Oak Knoll Waves meet the Waves from TADCen, Shoemaker, on the softball diamond they will be wearing for the first time their smart new uniforms.

The Oak Leaf has been advised that bleachers are now being erected at the athletic field for the comfort of the spectators.

This should be one of the outstanding games of the season. So with the new uniforms and new bleachers, let's all get together and support the team. Remember Monday at 1815, Waves, Waves!

Sp(A's) Trounce MSR Team

History and the SP(A's) softball team repeated themselves when the burly group of Sp(A's) cavorted over the baseball diamond like a ballet group schooled by Nijinsky and thereby vanquished the Medical Store Room by a 9-1 score.

Badly bruised, needing the use of their own medical dept., the softballers from the Store Room sadly bowed to Chief Gordon Smith's hooks, drops and sinkers.

To assuage their badly aching backs—due to their futile swings at the spherical object referred to as a softball—the Sp(A's) have invited the conquered to a bout which the A's are sure to lose—the families of both teams will join in the spectacle.

Cheer leader for the Store Room team, Chief Rowe, might better recruit some of his softballers to aid him in his rhetoric—or try to change his rate.

Parade Rest

Gunnery Sgt. Sam Ferrantino, USMC.

Four new men joined our staff from San Diego, California. Welcome aboard to Sgt. F. J. Gallagher, Sgt. S. H. Ring, Corp. P. W. Bufton and Pfc. C. E. Sanborn.

This week the detachment bid farewell to Pfc. W. B. LaRash, who left for duty with the DoF. T Sgt. R. E. Reinert, who left for the Navy Yard, Mare Island. To Sgt. "J" "P" Corn, who leaves for the Navy Yard, Mare Island, upon discharge from treatment, and to Sgt. E. M. Heath who left us to become a civilian. Best of luck men, let us hear from you now and then.

Congratulations of the detachment go to Gy/Sgt. R. E. Young and Pfc. J. A. May. Gy/Sgt. Young to a Wave from this Hospital, and Pfc. May to an attractive Oakland girl.

If you are in doubt about the proper way to execute "Eye-Right" when passing in review, just ask some of the Waves who participated in the practice parade last Saturday. . . . I understand they learned the hard way!

With the transportation situation as critical as it is, you'd think that some of the people who drive out the gate with an empty back seat might pick up a passenger. . . . Instead of driving right by with that silly "Hooray for me" look on their face.

Boner of the week was pulled by Corp. Clott who showed a man's telephone number on the change sheet, instead of his classification number.

Speaking of boners, Sgt. Fryer isn't doing too bad for himself! . . . That's all right, Freddie, we're all coming to the wedding.

MOIPHY . . .

By Penberthy



"Got two nickels, mate?"